

Appendix C: Summary of engagement with Scrutiny

Scrutiny have been engaged at two Working Group sessions on 25th January to outline the Vision and background to the Strategy, and in a follow up session on 27th February.

The Working Group was given the opportunity to carry out a full review of an earlier draft of the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy and a discussion was held around their comments.

Scrutiny's feedback has since been summarised into a 'you said, we did' document and circulated to the Councillor who acted as Chair of the Working Group.

Summary of feedback document

In response to comments on engaging with local companies, there is now a strong theme throughout the Strategy of supporting local business and a strong commitment to local employment and use of local suppliers which is emphasised by the Council's Social Value Policy.

On Contract Management, this section of the Strategy has been strengthened with reference to continuous monitoring to ensure the Council's needs are met.

The theme of Compliance has been allowed greater importance in the Strategy and means described, such as the provision of data to Directors to enable them to monitor compliance within their Service.

Work in support of the Council's Equality and Diversity aims and Carbon targets, underpinned by the Healthy and Sustainable Procurement Policy, have been given more detail in response to comments.

Officers' understanding is that the Working Group Chair will also be submitting a statement to Cabinet on behalf of the group.