

Cabinet – 4 April 2023

Item 18 - Procurement and Contract Management Strategy Statement by Chair of the scrutiny Procurement working group

As Appendix C notes, the development of the new strategy was accompanied by two scrutiny sessions through a working group of the Resources Scrutiny Commission. I'd like to thank officers from the procurement team and scrutiny for their support with this process. The cross-party working group supported the timely and necessary development of this new strategy, and its goal of improving contract management outcomes and the client monitoring process.

We raised a range of issues and these have each been addressed in written and verbal feedback from the officers and generally taken on board. The integration of existing policies and strategies such as Social Value and the Healthy and Sustainable Procurement Policy and support for local supply chains was supported.

We also wanted to know that a suitable stakeholder engagement process would ensure engagement with local businesses and interested groups, and that the requirements being introduced to meet our carbon goals are supportive and proportionate.

We wanted to see the document reflect the new council governance arrangements coming in 2024.

I think we have helped ensure clarity and consistency in the document and have been glad to support the process.

Cllr Martin Fodor