

REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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| Date of Meeting: | 16 September 2014 |
| Subject: | Harrow Progress Toward National Procurement Strategy Recommendations |
| Responsible Officer: | Tom Whiting, Corporate Director of Resources |
| Scrutiny Lead Member area: | Councillor Stephen Wright, Policy Lead Corporate Resources Councillor Adam Swersky, Performance Lead Corporate Resources |
| Exempt: | No |
| Wards affected: | All |
| Enclosures: | National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2014 |

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the Council's current position against each of the recommendations made for Single Tier Councils in the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2014.

Recommendations:

That the Committee notes:

1. The current position of the Council's procurement processes and procedures toward the recommendations for Single Tier Councils set out in the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2014; and
2. That an annual Procurement Report will be submitted to the Committee to provide information on procurement activity in the previous year, progress toward delivery of targets set out in the Council's Commercial and Procurement Strategy and progress against the recommendations of the NPS.

Section 2 – Report

Introduction

1. A new National Procurement Strategy (NPS) for Local Government was launched by the Local Government Association 10 July 2014. The NPS is structured as a series of recommendations for District Councils, Single Tier and County Councils and Professional Buying Organisations (PBOs) to follow.

Progress Toward NPS Recommendations

2. The status of the Council's Commercial and Procurement processes and procedures against the recommendations in the NPS are set out in Appendix A attached. This sets out all recommendations made for single tier Councils and identifies the Council's current position against each of these. Good progress is being made in all areas with only a few items identified as 'red' on a RAG status basis.
3. It is proposed that going forward the Commercial, Contracts and Procurement Division will produce an annual Procurement Report setting out information on procurement activity undertaken in the previous year to include an update on progress against the deliverables set out in the Commercial and Procurement Strategy (approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 17 July 2014) and progress against NPS recommendations and that this report be submitted to the Oversight and Scrutiny Committee

Financial Implications

There is budget provision for a Commercial, Contract and Procurement Division. The actions and activities detailed in the report are funded within this existing resource. .

Performance Issues

This report has no direct impact on any performance indicators.

Environmental Impact

There are no direct environmental impacts arising from this report

Risk Management Implications

This report has no direct risk management implications.

Equalities Implications

There are no direct equalities impacts arising from

Council Priorities

There are no direct impacts on Council Priorities arising from this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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| Name: Dawn Calvert | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer |
| Date: 21 August 2014 | | |
| Name: Stephen Dorrian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | on behalf of the Monitoring Officer |
| Date: 22 August 2014 | | |

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| Ward Councillors notified: | YES/ NO <i>* Delete as appropriate.</i> |
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

1. National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2014
2. Harrow Council Commercial and Procurement Strategy 2014+