

Management Committee

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Financial Regulations incl. Procurement Strategy and Social Value Statement

For Recommendation

Portfolio Holder(s)

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Statutory Authority

s.151 of the Local Government Act 1972

Social Value Act 2012

Public Procurement Regulations 2015

Purpose of Report

- 1 To request the committee recommend the adoption and implementation of the Dorset Councils Financial Regulations including the revised Procurement Strategy and Social Value Policy Statement.

Recommendations

- 2 That Management Committee recommends to Full Council the approval of the Financial Regulations.
- 3 That the Procurement Strategy and Social Value Statement are approved.

Reason for Decision

- 4 Each Authority with the Dorset Councils Partnership has been operating under its own approved Financial Regulations and Procurement Strategy. A review of each has been undertaken to align any differences to ensure that it meets the targets set out, by Central Government, in the National Procurement Strategy.
- 5 Procurement undertaken by the Dorset Councils Partnership is governed by the Social Value Act 2012, the Social Value Policy Statement sets out how the Council will view each procurement to ensure that we deliver the requirements of the act. This will lead to the development of a Social Value Policy.

Background and Reason Decision Needed

- 6 The review and development of the Financial Regulations and Procurement Strategy has aligned the rules and processes across the Partnership and will ensure greater consistency of approach and efficiencies in its processes.
- 7 The Procurement Strategy is based on the vision of the National Procurement Strategy, for Local Government procurement, which encourages all Councils in England to engage with the delivery of outcomes in four key areas: Making Savings, Supporting Local Economies, Leadership and Modernising Procurement.
- 8 In order for the Dorset Councils Partnership to achieve the recommendations and outcomes specified in the National Procurement Strategy, for Borough and District Councils, the Procurement Team leader has developed the Procurement Strategy that will to assist the Partnership in delivering the required outcomes.
- 9 This work has seen improvement in the streamlining of processes including the digitalisation of paperwork with the introduction of electronically submitted and authorised contract strategies and paperless processes of submissions and opening of tenders.
- 10 The Public Services (Social Value) Act of 2012 requires Public Authorities to have regard to how economic, social and environmental well-being may be enhanced through the provision of Public Services.
- 11 Adoption of the Social Value Policy Statement will ensure that the Dorset Councils Partnership review all procurements in relation to social, economical and environmental impacts. The Statement should assist the partnership to develop a Social Value Policy.

Implications

Corporate Plan

- 12 Reflects current Corporate Plan.

Risk Management

- 13 Risk that ineffective governance arrangements will expose the council to significant financial or reputational risk and to the risk of non-compliance with statutory requirements.

Appendices

- 14 Appendix 1 – Financial Regulations
Appendix 2 – Procurement Strategy
Appendix 3 – Social Value Policy Statement

Footnote

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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