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REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR OPERATIONS AND ASSETS**THE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL****EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Not applicable

PURPOSE

This report seeks Cabinet approval for an updated Procurement Strategy for Tamworth Borough Council, covering the period 2013/14 to 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATIONS**That Cabinet**

- **Approve the Procurement Strategy; and**
- **Endorse the improvement and action plan.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The previous Procurement strategy was approved by Cabinet 11th June 2009. Since that time, management and organisational restructures have resulted in responsibility for the procurement function moving under the remit of the Director of Finance, reporting directly to the Management Accountant. The introduction of new legislation, such as the Localism Act and the Social Value Act, and revised procurement practices, have also necessitated the review and update of the Procurement Strategy.

The aim of the strategy is to establish a framework for efficient and effective procurement throughout the Council, and to establish an action plan for improving the way the Council procures goods and services. It also aims to ensure that the Council complies with relevant UK and EU legislation, and its own Standing Orders and Financial Guidance, and reflects best practice.

The strategy and action plan was endorsed by CMT at its meeting on 8th April 2013, and is attached at Appendix A.

An Equalities Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix B.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report. Any staffing or resource requirements as a result of implementing the action plan will be managed within existing budgets.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDICES

- A. Procurement Strategy
- B. Equalities Impact Assessment