



Combined Authority Board		Agenda Item
20 September 2023		14a
Title:	Procurement Update	
Report of:	Nick Bell, Executive Director Resources and Performance	
Lead Member:	Councillor Edna Murphy, Lead Member Governance	
Public Report:	Yes	
Key Decision:	No	
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required	

Recommendations:

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| A | The Board is asked to note the contents of the Procurement Guidance attached as an Appendix to this report, as requested at the Board meeting in July 2023. |
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Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

Achieving Best Value and High Performance

1. Purpose

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| 1.1 | This paper provides the Board with an updated copy of the Procurement Guidance Document requested at the July meeting. |
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2. Proposal

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| 2.1 | A paper was brought to the CA Board on 26 July 2023 to approve the revised Contract Procedure Rules. This was agreed and approved by members subject to the Guidance document coming back to the September meeting. This is attached as Appendix A |
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3. Background

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| 3.1 | The CPCA received a best value notice dated 24/01/2023 following concerns raised within the Authority in respect of procurement of services by the Authority. The CPCA commissioned PwC to undertake an external review of the procurement service. PwC were asked to comment on the Combined Authority's Procurement strategy, policies, operations and compliance and how this reflected best practice and Best Value and to provide recommendations for improvement to the Combined Authority, taking into account the likely requirements of the Procurement Bill currently passing through Parliament. Audit & Governance Committee at its June and July meetings recommended that the Combined Authority Board approved the implementation of the high-level action |
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	plan, the Contract procedure rule (CPRs), a Procurement Strategy and a Procurement Policy subject to the Procurement Guidelines referenced in the CPRs being brought to a subsequent Board meeting.
3.2	The Procurement Guidance was taken to the Audit & Governance committee on 8 September 2023 for discussion before coming to the Board.

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A – Procurement Guidance Document
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5. Implications

Financial Implications	
5.1	The Procurement guidance contains a set of clear financial thresholds for various procurement activity that comply with statutory requirements and best practice and will enable the Authority to achieve and demonstrate Best Value in its procurement activity.
Legal Implications	
5.2	The CPCA must comply with its Contract Procedure Rules and relevant procurement legislation, guidance and best practice which will minimise the risk of legal challenge
Public Health Implications	
5.3	None
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
5.4	None
Other Significant Implications	
5.5	None
Background Papers	
5.6	Combined Authority Board report 26 July 2023