

**ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
30 JANUARY 2025**

PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2025-2027

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the draft Procurement Strategy 2025-2027.

Summary

2. The Council does not currently have a formally adopted Procurement Strategy. We do have established procedures and priorities that are to some extent set out in the Contract Procedure Rules.
3. It would however be helpful to have a strategic document that sets out the ambition that the Council has and the way that we see procurement activity and its importance for Darlington. The strategy will assist in this regard.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that Members consider the draft Procurement Strategy 2025-2027 at **Appendix 1** and give their views

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Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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Council Plan	The Procurement Strategy supports the Council Plan’s core principles of efficient and effective use of resources, tackling climate change and addressing inequality
Addressing inequalities	The Procurement Strategy aims to provide opportunities to participate in procurement activity as widely as possible
Tackling Climate Change	There are no issues which this report needs to address
Efficient and effective use of resources	The procurement strategy aims to support efficient and effective use of resources in council procurement activity
Health and Wellbeing	There are no issues which this report needs to address
S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no issues which this report needs to address
Wards Affected	All wards
Groups Affected	All residents
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council’s budget or policy framework
Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. Work on the Procurement Strategy has been informed by the Councils own priorities and ambitions as well as reviewing other comparable approaches. The version produced is a distillation from this exercise and is set out at Appendix 1.
6. The Strategy is a high-level document and sets out 7 key objectives:
 1. Working together
 2. Delivering Quality and value for money
 3. Social Value
 4. Climate Change
 5. Governance and Compliance
 6. Local Economy and SME
 7. Innovation, improvement and forward planning
7. We will need to develop a subset of specific goals and develop targets to assist in measuring how we are delivering. Some of these are set out in the strategy under the heading of ‘Drawing things together.’
8. Consultation with officers and the Cabinet Member for Resources has taken place. Members of this Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider the draft Procurement Strategy and give their views.
9. Following further consideration, the Procurement Strategy will move forward to Cabinet for adoption.