

Teignbridge District Council
Executive
9th September 2025
Part I

Procurement Strategy

Purpose of Report

To seek support for the adoption and implementation of the new procurement strategy.

Recommendation(s)

That the Executive adopt the new Procurement Strategy.

Financial Implications

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Appendices/Background Papers

EIA Attached Yes

1. Introduction/Background

A recent audit in February 2025 conducted by the Devon Audit Partnership has shown that not having a procurement strategy in place is a high risk to the council. Previously, Teignbridge had a collaborative Devon Partnership Procurement Strategy. However, this group has now disbanded. It is envisioned that Teignbridge will have a joint procurement strategy with South Hams and West Devon to reflect the procurement shared service with elements of the strategy changed to reflect the needs of each individual council. The reason for the delay to the strategy was 3-fold:

- The disbanding of the Devon Procurement Partnership
- The delay to the new Procurement Act 2023 regulations
- The delay to the release of the National Procurement Policy Statement

In April, members were briefed about the strategy and vision at a Task and Finish group. The final strategy includes elements of feedback from that meeting.

This procurement strategy is designed to align with The Procurement Act 2023, National Procurement Policy Statement (NPPS) and any Procurement Policy Notices (PPN's). It emphasizes increasing engagement with local suppliers and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), recognising their vital role in driving economic growth, fostering innovation, and supporting community development. This strategy also aligns with Teignbridge's corporate strategy and provides an umbrella of governance in conjunction with Teignbridge's internal Contract Procedure Rules and The Procurement Act 2023.

The Council's vision for procurement over the term of this strategy is to demonstrate value for money through the effective procurement of goods, services and works on a whole life basis, whilst generating wider benefits for the local community and taking positive steps wherever possible to reduce the impact on the environment.

2. Objectives

This strategy sets out 4 objectives

- Objective 1: Promote Sustainability and Social Value
- Objective 2: Value for Money
- Objective 3: Boost Local and SME/VCSE Participation
- Objective 4: Enhance Transparency and Accountability

Procurement will also have a set of KPIs to report back to council on an annual basis.

At the end of the strategy there is an action plan establishing targets for the future.

The appendices of the strategy provides our current thresholds.

3. Implications, Risk Management and Climate Change Impact

3.1 Financial

There could be financial implications regarding the deeper implementation of social value. Presently, we ask questions to suppliers about social value, however, in the future, greater scrutiny of social value could mean that a winning bidder carries a higher price.

3.2 Legal

This strategy aligns with The Procurement Act 2023, along with Teignbridge's internal contract procedure rules which were updated in line with the new legislation.

3.3 Risks

- Failure to monitor key objectives
- Reputational risk if local spend figures are low
- We don't have the legal power to target local businesses for above threshold

3.4 Environmental/Climate Change Impact

The council is committed to addressing climate change and reducing the environmental impact of its procurement activities. By incorporating social value considerations into procurement decisions, we will benefit the wider community. Focus on reducing environmental impact, including scope 3 emissions reporting and supplier collaboration for sustainability.

4. Alternative Options

It is an important step in governance to agree a procurement strategy.

Procurement strategies can vary nationally, Teignbridge's has been drafted with reference to its strategic plan and the feedback from the task and finish group

5. Conclusion

It is recommended that the Executive adopts the implementation of the new Procurement Strategy as per Appendix I.