

**To: City Executive Board**

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**Report of: Head of Law and Governance**

**Title of Report: Procurement Strategy 2013-16**

### **Summary and Recommendations**

**Purpose of report:** To present comments and recommendations from the Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee.

**Key decision? No**

**Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Mark Mills**

**Executive lead member: Councillor Ed Turner**

**Policy Framework: Efficient and Effective Council**

**Report approved by:**

**Recommendation(s): For the City Executive Board to say if it agrees or disagrees with the following recommendations set out below:**

- (a) In order to meet the requirements of the Social Value Act 2012 the Council should review **all** new tender opportunities and include within all tender evaluation criteria a range of criteria that meets the requirements within this Act to encourage a more diverse range of organisations to be able to successfully win Council business.
- (b) That a more formal and robust environmental assessment of the impact of products and services procured by the Council should be required as part of the tender process.
- (c) That the strategy as a living document should be kept under frequent review.

### **Introduction**

- (1) The Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 considered the Procurement Strategy 2013-16 and were supported in the debate by Jane Lubbock, Head of Business Improvement and Technology and Nicky Atkins, Procurement Manager.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

- (2) The Committee during the debate heard how the Councils large capital programme could help support local businesses, and how the strategy further added to the positive work already undertaken in reducing the Councils carbon footprint, ensuring contractors paid the living wage and increasing the number of apprenticeships offered to young people in the City. However the Committee felt that a more formal environmental assessment of the impact of products and services procured by the Council was required as part of the tender process and that as the strategy was a living document, it should be kept under frequent review.

### **Recommendations**

- (a) In order to meet the requirements of the Social Value Act 2012 the Council should review **all** new tender opportunities and include within all tender evaluation criteria a range of criteria that meets the requirements within this Act to encourage a more diverse range of organisations to be able to successfully win Council business.
- (b) That a more formal and robust environmental assessment of the impact of products and services procured by the Council should be required as part of the tender process.
- (c) That the strategy as a living document should be kept under frequent review.

### **Director and Board Member Comments**

Jacqueline Yates – Comments will be made at the meeting.

Councillor Ed Turner – Comments will be made at the meeting

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