



P R O C U R E M E N T

Report to: STAR Joint Committee
Date: 20th July 2016
Report for: For Information
Report of: Director of Procurement

Report Title

Manchester City Council's Ethical (Procurement) Policy

Summary

The purpose of this report is to:

- Provide the Joint Committee with an update of progress on this matter since it was last raised at the Joint Committee in January 2016

Recommendations

The recommendation of this report is that the Joint Committee:

- Note the content of the report and Manchester City Council's Ethical (Procurement) Policy and comment on / agree proposed next steps

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Background

Financial Impact:	N/a
Legal Impact:	N/a
Human Resources Impact:	N/a
Asset Management Impact:	N/a
E-Government Impact:	N/a
Risk Management Impact:	N/a
Health and Safety Impact:	N/a

Consultation

No public consultation required

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The recommendation of this report is that the Joint Committee note the content of the report and comment on proposed next steps.

1. Background

- 1.1 In the January Joint Committee Meeting a verbal briefing was provided to Members on this matter. Each Council had been approached by Manchester's Overview and Scrutiny Ethical Procurement Task and Finish Group to request the attendance of the Executive Member for Finance to attend the next meeting. It was agreed that the Director of Procurement for STAR should attend on behalf of the Elected Members and report back to the Joint Committee accordingly
- 1.2 The Director of Procurement attended the meeting on Friday 17th June 2016. In view of the devolution agenda there were also representatives from Health and Further Education.
- 1.3 Manchester City Council's proposed Ethical (Procurement) Policy was provided to the group and all attendees were asked to comment with a view to identifying any other areas for inclusion. See appendix 1

2. Outcome from the Meeting of 17th June 2016

- 2.1 The consensus from the meeting was that the proposed Ethical Procurement Policy was very comprehensive and had the potential to be applied across Greater Manchester. It was proposed that the Ethical Procurement Policy could be developed and introduced at a GM level in a similar way to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Social Value Policy.
- 2.2 Further, from a market perspective it would be valuable to have a consistent approach across GM. Business does not stop at Local Authority boundaries and it is important that potential bidders have a consistent statement of our expectations and aspirations.
- 2.3 STAR Procurement does not have an Ethical Procurement Policy at present and relies on Contract Procedure Rules and the GMCA Social Value Policy to

direct us on such matters. The STAR Board have reviewed the proposed policy and generally believes that the content is a good summary of best practice and would be of positive benefit to support procurement practices in STAR Councils

- 2.4 The document is obviously Manchester centric at present and would need to be amended to reflect a GM approach.

3. Proposed Next Steps

- 3.1 It is proposed that a similar approach is taken to the implementation of the GMCA Social Value Policy. Initially there will be a launch event to provide information and engage support for the initiative. The Director of Procurement of STAR has been asked to support the development of the launch event.
- 3.2 The document will need to be re-drafted by officers in a format which is sufficiently generic to apply to all GMCA members and ensure that the obligations do not confer any new financial burdens on GMCA members.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the document would pass to the GMCA to gain formal agreement by members.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that:
- 4.1.1 The Joint Committee note the content of the report and Manchester City Council's proposed Ethical (Procurement) Policy
- 4.1.2 The Joint Committee Members comment on / agree with next steps prescribed above.

Report Appendices

1. Appendix 1 Manchester City Council Ethical (Procurement) Policy



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