



P R O C U R E M E N T

**Report to:** STAR Joint Committee  
**Date:** 20 July 2016  
**Report for:** Decision  
**Report of:** Head of Strategic Procurement

**Report Title**

**STAR Awards Plan**

**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to:

- Highlight to Board the awards success of STAR Procurement to date
- Agree a targeted plan for future Award Submissions

**Recommendations**

The recommendation of this report is that the Joint Committee:

- Note the award successes of STAR procurement to date
- Agree the targeted plan for future Award Submissions

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**Background**

Financial Impact:	Minimal costs for some submissions and attendance at award events
Legal Impact:	None
Human Resources Impact:	None
Asset Management Impact:	None
E-Government Impact:	None

Risk Management Impact:	None
Health and Safety Impact:	None

## **Consultation**

No public consultation required

## **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

STAR have had a number of successful award submissions to date and there are new awards that we currently have entries in for. The awards have been beneficial in adding value to the STAR brand and promoting STAR at a regional and national level, as well as more locally with Stakeholders.

It is important that in the future we focus resources on a targeted number of awards submissions to ensure that the integrity and prestige of the awards remains high.

### **1. Award Successes**

- 1.1 During 2015/16 STAR became a recognised multiple award winning service, with a number of award successes at both a regional and national level. The awards were procurement specific as well as more generic public sector awards.
- 1.2 In March 2016 STAR Procurement were winners at the National **Go Award for Procurement Leadership of the Year**. The Government Opportunities (GO) Excellence in Public Procurement Awards are national awards that recognise and reward excellence and achievement in procurement. The award was all the more of an achievement considering the other finalists who were generally large and mature organisations including:
  - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils
  - Counties of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
  - Nottingham City Council
  - Scottish Water
  - Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
  - The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
  - The City of Edinburgh Council
  - The Hyde Group
- 1.3 STAR Procurement were also **Go Award finalists** in the following categories:
  - 1.3.1 Procurement innovation and Initiative of the Year – Local Government.  
This was submitted regarding the Trafford ONE procurement process.

- 1.3.2 Procurement innovation and Initiative of the Year – Social Care. This was submitted regarding the public health procurement process for Rochdale and other GM Authorities
- 1.3.3 Procurement Team of the Year
- 1.4 In November 2015, STAR Procurement won the **I-Network Award** for Connected Procurement in collaboration with the AGMA Procurement Hub. This was for the work carried out to develop and implement the GMCA Social Value Framework.
- 1.5 In February 2016, STAR Procurement were awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the national **Improvement & Efficiency Awards 2016**. The panel deemed that STAR procurement was an excellent example of a high quality service in the sector. These awards were national awards and were not procurement-specific.
- 1.6 In April 2016, STAR Procurement were shortlisted for the **PPMA Excellence in People Management Awards** under the 'Most Effective Partnership' category. The PPMA is the Public Sector People Managers Association. STAR were shortlisted but did not win the award.
- 1.7 In July 2016, STAR were shortlisted for the **Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Service Awards 2016**, which are being run in conjunction with **the Management Journal (MJ)**. These are national awards that cover all aspects of local government services. There are 11 categories and STAR have entered the "Best Public / Public Partnership Working Initiative" category. The results of this Award will be announced at the APSE Annual Seminar on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in Derry.
- 1.8 STAR Procurement has also submitted an entry for the **CIPS Supply Management Awards 2016**. We were not shortlisted for the awards and have asked for feedback as these are prestigious awards for procurement professionals across all market sectors.

## **2. Future Plan for Award Submissions**

- 2.1. STAR have had a very good run on the award submissions to date. The awards have been successful in adding value to the STAR brand and promoting STAR at a regional and national level, as well as more locally with Stakeholders.

- 2.2. The awards have also been beneficial in terms of staff motivation in that all the hard work that has been undertaken since STAR was established has been recognised at a regional and national level. This supports our ambition to be an employer of choice for aspiring procurement professionals and this seems to be delivering results by our recent successful recruitment of three posts. Further it is good to promote our business with potential new clients and potential partners.
- 2.3. The STAR Board is keen that we focus resources on a targeted number of awards submissions to ensure that the integrity and prestige of the awards remains high. Therefore it is recommended that STAR focusses future award submissions to:
- **Chartered Institute Purchasing & Supply (CIPS), April 2017**  
As CIPS is the professional body for procurement, these awards have the highest profile within the procurement industry, and represent both the public and private sector
  - **I-Network, October 2016**  
STAR's Director of procurement is the deputy chair of the I-Network, and STAR actively supports this organisation. These awards are helpful in raising our profile within the wider North West region.
  - **Go Awards Excellence in Public Procurement Awards, December 2016**  
These awards are national high profile awards that are focused on public sector procurement.
  - **Management Journal (MJ) Achievement Awards, February 2017**  
These awards are national high profile awards that are focused on all aspects of local government
- 2.4. In addition, we will continue to support all award submissions which STAR Councils are going for themselves, where applications refer to procurement operations.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1. It is recommended that:
- 3.1.1 Note the award successes of STAR procurement to date
  - 3.1.2 Agree the targeted plan for future Award Submissions

End.