



For decision

Title: Procurement strategy

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Purpose

The paper presents a draft procurement strategy, developed following the review of procurement carried out by Internal Audit, as part of their programme of work for 2023/24, and in accordance with the recommendations made by the Auditor.

Recommendations

The Audit and Risk Committee is asked to:

- a) Consider the procurement strategy, and
- b) Advise on its suitability as a basis for development of processes and procedures.

Overview

1. The recent internal audit report on procurement recommended that CNPA should develop a new Procurement Strategy and supporting policies and procedures as soon as possible. The draft procurement strategy provided is the first step in addressing this recommendation.
2. The strategy is provided at Annex 1. It has been developed based on the approaches taken by Dundee City Council, in conjunction with the strategy prepared for Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, and in consultation with the author of both resources, Alan Brough, Head of Procurement for Scotland Excel.

Conclusion

3. The draft Procurement Strategy has been developed to outline the principles of our planned approach to procurement.



4. An approved strategy will facilitate the development of improved process, procedures and controls that will ensure the Authority takes a fair, open and transparent approach to the award of contracts for goods and services.

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