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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2023-2026</b>
<b>Meeting and Date:</b>	<b>Cabinet – 3 July 2023</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Dean Coulls, Procurement Manager</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>Councillor Susan Beer, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance, Climate Change and Environment</b>
<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Executive Key Decision</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>

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<b>Purpose of the report:</b>	To seek approval of the Procurement Strategy 2023/2026 attached at Appendix 1.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	To approve and adopt the Procurement Strategy 2023/2026 attached at Appendix 1.

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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 The proposed Procurement Strategy 2023-2026 aims to set the overall context for procurement across the Council over the next three years incorporating the latest government procurement legislation and initiatives alongside the Council's priorities, aims and objectives.

## 2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Dover District Council spends more than £30 million a year on goods, services, and works and therefore how it conducts its procurement activity is fundamental to delivering successful projects, service improvement and ensuring any expenditure represents value for money for the residents of Dover.
- 2.2 Working alongside the Council's Contract Standing Orders (approved by Council in January 2023), the Strategy establishes how the Council will conduct its procurement activity in an ethical, efficient, economic, and effective manner that reflects national/local and policies/priorities and where appropriate, in a manner that offers opportunities to local suppliers, particularly small and medium sized enterprises.
- 2.3 The Procurement Strategy is aligned with delivering the objectives and recommendations of the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2022 (NPS) and seeks to ensure the Council continues to develop and improve its approach to procurement.
- 2.4 The Procurement Strategy will be reviewed periodically to reflect any changes in the Council's needs, legislation, best practice, and audit recommendations.

## 3. Identification of Options

- 3.1 Option 1: to approve and adopt the Procurement Strategy 2023-2026 attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Option 2: Not to approve or adopt the Procurement Strategy 2023-2026

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#### **4. Evaluation of Options**

- 4.1 Option 1 is the recommended option as it will ensure the Council conducts its procurement in an ethical, efficient, economic, and effective manner incorporating the latest changes in legislation and initiatives alongside the Council's priorities, aims and objectives.
- 4.2 Option B is not recommended as it will leave the Council without any strategy or action plan as to how it conducts/improves its procurement activity.

#### **5. Resource Implications**

- 5.1 The adoption of the Procurement Strategy 2023-2026 will be carried out with existing officer resource.

#### **6. Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

- 6.1 The adoption and implementation of the Procurement Strategy 2023-2026 will contribute to and support the Council's Climate Change Strategy.

#### **7. Corporate Implications**

- 7.1 Comment from the Section 151 Officer: The Strategic Director (Finance and Housing) has been consulted and has no additional comments to make.
- 7.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council: The Solicitor to the Council has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to make.
- 7.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This report regarding the adoption of the Procurement Strategy 2023-2026 does not specifically highlight any equality implications, however in discharging their duties members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149>.
- 7.4 Other Officers (as appropriate):

#### **8 Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Procurement Strategy 2023-2026

#### **9 Background Papers**

National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2022 (NPS)

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