

**LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Meeting to be held on 21 May 2018

**PROCUREMENT STRATEGY
(Appendix 1 refers)**

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Executive Summary

A new 3 year Procurement Strategy has been developed, taking account of best practice aligned with national, regional and local considerations for the period 2018-2021.

Recommendation

The Resources Committee is requested to approve the new Procurement Strategy as attached at Appendix 1.

Information

Effective procurement of good, services and/or works to support front line service provision is vital for the Authority in order to meet its core objectives, reduce risk and demonstrate probity and accountability.

Purchasing of goods, services and/or works represents a significant interface with the economic community on a local, regional and national level via contractual relationships developed with suppliers.

The Procurement Strategy sets a clear framework to achieve compliant procurement throughout the Authority and reflects the Home Office Agenda, the Authority's Corporate Plan, adherence to internal Contract Standing Orders and Financial regulations, adherence and compliance with all appropriate legislative requirements whilst upholding a professional service that encourages collaboration.

The Strategy also defines the role of the Procurement function in the delivery of the Authority's commitment to providing best value for money identifying Procurement's priorities over the next 3 years aligning with local, regional and national Procurement Policy with critical actions required to deliver the strategy.

Financial Implications

None

Human Resource Implications

None

Business Risk Implications

The Authority recognises the importance of a professional procurement department which provides commercial support and guidance in regard to the purchasing of goods, services and/or works. The Procurement Strategy supports a structured approach to procurement and aligns with local, regional and national policy.

Environmental Implications

None

Equality & Diversity Implications

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		