

REPORT TO: Business Efficiency Board

DATE: 11 November 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Corporate & Policy

SUBJECT: Revised Procurement Strategy

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek approval of the revised Procurement Strategy (Appendix 1).

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Procurement Strategy 2010-2013 be approved.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Procurement of goods and services by Local Government has undergone major changes in recent years and Halton has responded well to the changing environment. The Council last adopted a three year procurement strategy in 2006 and this updated strategy aims to build on the successes of the last three years and develop excellent procurement practices that contribute to strategic priorities and achieve value for money and efficiency savings.

3.2 It is a focused document, with clearly defined and measurable objectives with appropriate timescales and is one that can be easily understood both internally and externally. The draft Strategy has been distributed both internally and to a number of external organisations, (Halton & St Helens PCT, Halton Chamber of Commerce, Halton Voluntary Action, and Enterprising Halton for comment.

4.0 POLICY & OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This strategy set out the Council's approach to better procurement of goods and services over the next three years.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 5.1 This Strategy recognises the impact that Procurement can have on Council priorities and seeks where possible to maximize opportunities to achieve the Council's vision.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 6.1. Effective procurement is essential to ensure that local authorities are achieving value for money and efficiency gains.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 7.1 There are no equality or diversity issues associated with this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- 8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.