



Cabinet

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Procurement Strategy 2026-2030

Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services

Portfolio holder for Finance, Councillor D Virdi

1. Purpose of report

To present the Council's Procurement Strategy 2026–2030 for approval, and to outline implementation and assurance arrangements aligned to the Procurement Act 2023 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution. The Strategy has been produced liaising with the Council's procurement partner, Nottinghamshire County Council.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet:

- a) approves the adoption of the Procurement Strategy 2026–2030 (Appendix A); and
- b) notes the implementation plan and assurance reporting to Governance Scrutiny Group (GSG) described in the Strategy at Appendix A of this report.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. Ensures statutory compliance with the Procurement Act 2023 (Most Advantageous Tender, transparency, KPI publication).
- 3.2. Strengthens governance, social value, and sustainability priorities consistent with the Corporate Strategy.
- 3.3. Provides a clear framework for contract management and quarterly assurance reporting to GSG.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1. The Strategy refresh has been undertaken alongside external audit assurance and input from Nottinghamshire County Council as the Council's procurement partner.

- 4.2. The draft Strategy (Appendix A) reflects legal, operational and governance requirements as part of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23).
- 4.3. The PA23 incorporates requirements for the Council to award contracts under Most Advantage Tender (MAT) and publish transparency notices and KPIs for contracts above £5m.
- 4.4. The draft Strategy focusses on delivering inclusive procurement by supporting Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSEs) ensuring equality and accessibility of contracts.
- 4.5. Contract management will be strengthened by use of standard KPIs and performance reporting and social value and sustainability will be embedded into tenders to promote improved environmental outcomes and community benefits.

5. Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection

There are no alternative options.

6. Risks and Uncertainties

The draft Procurement Strategy strengthens the procurement process and mitigates the risk of fraud and governance risks by regular reporting to GSG and Cabinet and by oversight of the Portfolio holder for Finance.

7. Implications

7.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report; however, indirectly the Procurement Strategy will ensure value for money is achieved and social value is maximised through procurement opportunities.

7.2. Legal Implications

The draft Procurement Strategy aligns with the Council's legal duties under PA23.

7.3. Equalities Implications

The Procurement Strategy has a section on Equality, Accessibility and Inclusion, explaining the Council's commitment to eliminate discrimination and promote equality in all procurement activities.

7.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no Section 17 implications.

7.5. Biodiversity Net Gain Implications

There are no direct Biodiversity Net Gain Implications arising directly from the recommendations in the report; however, indirectly the inclusion of environmental considerations during the tender process will encourage carbon reduction.

8. Link to Corporate Priorities

The Environment	Supports sustainability and encourages carbon reduction
Quality of Life	Supports improved quality of life through quality of services
Efficient Services	Supports high quality services
Sustainable Growth	No impact to Sustainable Growth

9. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet:

- a) approves the adoption of the Procurement Strategy 2026–2030 (Appendix A); and
- b) notes the implementation plan and assurance reporting to Governance Scrutiny Group (GSG) described in the Strategy at Appendix A of this report.

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Background papers available for Inspection:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix A Procurement Strategy 2026-2030