

Corporate Procurement Strategy 2013-15 - Progress noted.

6 With reference to the minutes of 3rd December 2013 (Print 6, page 433) recommending approval of the Corporate Procurement Strategy (CPS), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services regarding progress made on the delivery of the key improvement activities identified in the strategy, advising

- (1) that the CPS had been developed to support this Council's delivery of its Strategic Plan and to meet the requirements of 'Tomorrow's Glasgow' governance arrangements;
- (2) the strategy set out the procurement landscape and detailed action plan and improvement activities which would be undertaken over a 2 year period, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;
- (3) that the implementation of the CPS was regularly reviewed by this Council's Strategic Asset Management Board which was responsible for delivering strategic guidance on how procurement was delivered across this Council and ensuring delivery of the actions outlined in the strategy;
- (4) of the key activities and commitment to improve access to public sector contracts with a particular focus on small and medium enterprises, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that this Council had been an early adopter of community benefits clauses within procurement contracts, culminating in a policy introduction in 2008 whereby all major infrastructure projects in relation to the Commonwealth Games contained such a clause to maximise its outcomes and legacy and was a key strand for the Prosperous Legacy Statement;
- (6) that the ongoing work to identify opportunities for wider community benefits across the Council and the Council family had been timely given the forthcoming introduction of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 which mandated public bodies to maximise the use of community benefits clauses in procurement contracts; and
- (7) the Scottish Government had commissioned the Training and Employment Research Unit at the University of Glasgow to report on the use, impact and value of community benefits clauses within procurement.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the achievement of the key deliverables during 2014 as set out in the CPS and in the action plan, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) that a further report would be submitted to this committee providing an update on delivery of year 2 of the strategy.