

# Letter of support from Cllr Ceredig Jamieson-Ball

Dear reader,

Good procurement is key to providing cost effective and efficient services for the community. The Council spends in excess of £120m each year on externally procured good and services, so it is essential that we buy the **right** things, in the **right** way, at the **right** time and for the **right** prices.

Every local authority buys good and services from external suppliers. In doing so, the City of York Council itself is committed to ensuring it achieves value for money for the people of York. Our over-riding ambition is to always make the best use of limited financial resources in a sustainable way without compromising the quality or integrity of our services.

A great deal of thought and hard work has gone into improving the management and practice of procurement within the organisation and significant progress has been made in recent years. Nonetheless, we must keep under constant review how we can continue to improve in the future. I believe the following strategy will help the Council to achieve its ambitions for the community.

I have found this document to be both useful and informative, I hope you do too.

Signature

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