

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Customer & Corporate Services

**Local Government Association Corporate Procurement Peer Review**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To update members on the progress made in delivering the recommendations of the Local Government Association (LGA) external peer review of corporate procurement within the Council.

**Recommendation**

2. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

Reason: To update the Committee on the actions taken.

**Background**

3. In May 2017 the Chief Executive, with the agreement of the Leader & Deputy Leader, commissioned a peer review by the LGA. This was an opportunity to undertake a full root and branch external review of this area of the Council, and also gain independent advice as to progress of improvement made in this area and any further learning to be considered. The written feedback report was presented to the September committee meeting.
4. The feedback report identified many positives for the Council, along with some areas for further consideration. It concluded the Council has a good corporate procurement function and that the compliance issues are being addressed. Recognition was also given to the work underway to continually improve. The peer review team was impressed with the procurement team, recognising a willingness and desire to improve further and focus on high value, high risk strategic procurements. They also stated with a high degree of confidence that the team is valued across the Council with positive relationships at all levels, adding that the team is well led with knowledgeable and competent staff with a good understanding of business needs.
5. Recent developments introduced by the Chief Executive, such as the Corporate Cost Control Board, were also recognised as being positive steps forward in

ensuring the Council continues to focus on business efficiencies, spend management and procurement compliance across the Council along with a greater focus on organisational productivity and efficiency.

## **Analysis**

6. This report will focus on the areas identified for further improvement and the progress made in achieving those actions outlined in the September report.

### Roll out of the Yortender e-procurement system

7. Members may recall that, following a recent software upgrade, we were experiencing some stability and process issues and therefore the roll out had been temporarily suspended pending the resolution of these issues.
8. The regional strategic procurement group is currently in contract discussions with the software provider and we await the outcome of this. In the meantime, a timetable has been prepared to escalate the roll out of Yortender to key officers in anticipation of the contractual discussions being finalised. Key officers will be given access to the system in January 2018.

### Council wide commissioning and procurement network

9. This group is now operational, has cross directorate representation at a senior level and meets on a regular basis. The group is chaired by the Corporate Finance & Commercial Procurement Manager. Current activity is focussed on the development of a commissioning strategy.

### Process and Contract Procedure Rules

10. The Contract Procedure Rules have been reviewed and are elsewhere on this agenda for discussion and approval.

### Regional engagement

11. Officers continue to attend a wide range of regional groups including the Yorkshire & Humber Strategic Procurement Group and the YPO Strategic Officers Group.

## **Implications**

12. There are no financial, HR, equalities, legal, crime and disorder, IT or property implications arising from this report.

### **Risk Management**

13. Areas of risk are identified and reported as part of the ongoing risk management process. There are no new risks identified specifically from this report.

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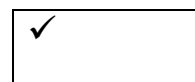
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**Report  
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**Wards Affected:** All



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