

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Review on Business Support – Procurement and Supporting the Local Supply Chain; Scope and Terms of Reference

Review Topic	Review / Project Title
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>A key outcome within the new Borough Plan is to maximise the benefits of Council, other public sector funding and private investment for the local area. This is part of a wider ambition to support a thriving Haringey economy and a prosperous and resilient Haringey population. A thriving local economy also drives increased business rate receipts for the Council, which are an increasingly important source of funding for local public services. One issue of particular significance is how the Council can better support the growth in local businesses through the use of its buying power. Amongst other initiatives, the Borough Plan proposes to do this through the implementation of a new procurement strategy which places greater emphasis on local benefit. In doing this, there is a target to increase the proportion of contracts awarded to local businesses and voluntary sector providers from 30% to 40%.</p> <p>The review will look at how local businesses can be further encouraged and supported to bid and win contracts with the Council. In doing this it will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What goods and services the Council currently procures and the respective proportions of these are procured locally;</li><li>• How local procurement can best deliver benefits to local people, for example by maximising benefits for local employees and sub-contractors as well as business owners;</li><li>• How Haringey compares with other local authorities and what can be learned from their experiences;</li><li>• Any gaps or opportunities that there might be;</li><li>• What barriers or disincentives that there might for local businesses in bidding for contracts and how they can be overcome;</li><li>• What actions might have the greatest impact in increasing the proportion of contracts held by local businesses.</li></ul> <p>It will seek to make recommendations to the Council’s Cabinet on how the 40% target for the proportion of contracts</p>

	awarded to local businesses might be achieved most effectively as well as contributing to the development of the Council's new procurement strategy the new Economic Development Plan for the borough.
<b>Scrutiny Membership</b>	<p>Councillors das Neves (Chair) Connor, Demir, Gordon and Jogee</p> <p>Co-optees/Non Voting Members: Yvonne Denny (Church representative), Mark Chapman (Parent Governor representative) and Luci Davin (Parent Governor representative)</p>
<b>Terms of Reference (Purpose of the Review/ Objectives)</b>	To consider and make recommendations to the Council's Cabinet on how the 40% target for the proportion of contracts awarded to local businesses might be achieved most effectively and, through this, also contribute to the development of the Council's new procurement strategy the new Economic Development Plan for the borough.
<b>Links to the Borough Plan</b>	Outcome 13: A growing economy and thriving local businesses, supported by a community wealth-building approach
<b>Evidence Sources</b>	<p>These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant data sources, including information on the areas where the Council currently procures goods and services, how much is procured locally and benchmarking with other local authorities;</li> <li>• Interviews with relevant key Council officers, partners, local business organisations and voluntary and community sector bodies;</li> <li>• Visits to relevant local businesses and local authorities;</li> <li>• Research information;</li> <li>• Relevant guidance on best practice in procurement</li> </ul>
<b>Witnesses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Hawthorn - Director of Housing, Regeneration &amp; Planning</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Carr - AD Economic Development &amp; Growth</li> <li>• Barry Phelps – Head of Procurement</li> <li>• Federation of Small Businesses</li> <li>• Haringey Business Alliance</li> <li>• North London Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Local small business</li> <li>• Other local authorities</li> </ul>
<b>Methodology/Approach</b>	<p>A variety of methods will be used to gather evidence from the witnesses above, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desk top research;</li> <li>• Evidence gathering sessions with witnesses; and</li> <li>• Visits</li> </ul>
<b>Equalities Implications</b>	<p>The review will explore how action could be taken to ensure that businesses run by – and employing – black and minority ethnic communities, women and members of the LGBT community are equally able to bid and win Council contracts.</p>
<b>Timescale</b>	<p>The Panel will aim to complete its evidence gathering by Autumn 2019.</p>
<b>Reporting arrangements</b>	<p>The Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning will co-ordinate a response to the recommendations.</p>

<b>Publicity</b>	The review will be publicised through the scrutiny website and scrutiny newsletter providing details of the scope and how local people and community groups may be involved. The outcomes of the review will be similarly published once complete.
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