


**Executive on 21.02.2006**

Report Title: <b>Haringey Council Procurement Strategy</b>	
Report of : <b>Director of Finance</b>	
Wards(s) affected: <b>All</b>	Item for: <b>Discussion</b>
<b>1. Purpose</b> 1.1 The Procurement Strategy along with its dependencies provide the route-map for achieving improved procurement performance across the council and the delivery of community services dependent upon procurement.	
<b>2. Introduction by Executive Member</b> 2.1 This report steps up Haringey's commitment to effective and efficient procurement by developing our position from the previous strategy which expired in 2005  2.2 With the CPA placing greater emphasis on the role of procurement within the overall corporate assessment, this report is timely and prudent, setting the council on a strong footing by noting the need to place procurement at the heart of good service delivery.	
<b>3. Recommendations</b> 3.1 Agree the attached Haringey Council Procurement Strategy for the period 2006-2009	
Authorised by: <b>Anne Bristow – Director of Social Services</b> <b>– Chair of Procurement Stream Board</b> 	
Contact Officer: <b>Dionne Knight – Senior Procurement Manager</b>	
<b>4. Executive Summary</b> 4.1 The document details how Council procurement will assist in the delivery of services and the attainment of corporate and community priorities. It considers future procurement performance against, previous inspection of the service, national policy and local objectives.	

<b>5. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (If applicable)</b>
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<b>6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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## **7. Background**

7.1 Haringey Council's Procurement Strategy for the period 2002 -2005 expired in July 2005.

7.2 Since the publication of the 02-05 strategy local government procurement has been subject to transformational change in that the National Procurement Strategy for local government was published, providing a benchmark for all local authority procurement functions, and the revised CPA framework places a greater emphasis on procurement in demonstrating value for money.

7.3 The period between August 2005 and October of the same year was spent reviewing achievements against the strategy and scoping the actions required to mature the Haringey Procurement Service.

7.4 In producing a strategy for the period 06-09 consideration has been given to the aforementioned policy drivers as well as the changing priorities of the Council.

7.5 The 06 -09 strategy was subject to internal consultation with services and received endorsement and sign-off from Procurement Stream Board in December 2005 and CEMB in January 2006.

## **8. Present position**

8.1 The CPA value for money key lines of enquiry express the importance of procurement in demonstrating value for money. The Procurement Strategy provides the framework within which to achieve this and is therefore an integral document for the authority.

8.2 The strategy consists of three sections as follows:

8.2.1 Executive Summary – Sets out high level objectives for Council Procurement.

8.2.2 Strategy Context – Details the position of Haringey procurement and details plans for maturing the service with regard to national, regional and local drivers. This section also considers the procurement framework and recommends actions for building capacity.

8.2.3 Action-Plan – Summarises the actions, required to deliver the strategy. PSB is yet to agree responsibilities and timescales for delivering the action-plan.

## **9. Recommended action**

9.1 Recommend approval by Executive

## **10. Financial Implications**

10.1 The financial implications are fully addressed in the strategy document.

## **11. Comments of the Head of Legal Services**

11.1 The Head of Legal Services notes the contents of this report and has nothing to add.

## **12. Conclusion**

12.1 The following are areas of particular focus during the three-year period of the strategy:

### **12.1.1 Policy objectives**

- Forward Planning linked to Business Planning so as to map efficiencies and demonstrate value for money.
- Performance Management.
- Best Value Reviews/BPR – Increase sector/market knowledge so as to optimise the Councils purchasing power.

### **12.1.2 Procurement Framework**

- Strengthening relationship of corporate centre with services.
- Strengthen systems and processes for recording procurement information.
- Periodic review of protocol and guidance.
- Training and Development.

### **12.1.3 Purchasing strategies.**

- Consideration of powers acquired as a result of improved CPA rating.
- Contracting Strategy with regard to value and risk.
- Construction Best Practice.
- Socio-economic benefits in terms of sustainability, and building capacity of voluntary sector.