

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....17th October 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Procurement Plan - Higher Value Contracts

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that sought approval for the procurement of a number of planned higher value contracts, where the value exceeds the limit on officer delegated authority, but which were funded within the approved MTFP.

The Council had a well-established practice of good forward planning of procurement that ensured adequate resources and sufficient time was dedicated to the process to ensure service outcomes and value for money were achieved. There was an ongoing requirement to manage a pipeline of contract renewals and new contracts for services, goods or works that support service delivery.

As part of the update to the constitution a succinct scheme of officer delegation and committee terms of reference were agreed. These changes had simplified and streamlined the approach to decision making by removing the many differing decision making routes associated with individual functions. The constitution more clearly defined a range of decisions that required a specific Cabinet approval, the financial threshold for which was set at a level of £500k or more.

Annex 1 of the report listed the procurement projects over £500k that were underway and due for award. The value of the individual contracts each exceeded the revised officer delegation limit approved by Council as part of the new constitution May 2019.

By approving the procurements in this way, there would be no further requirement for officers to obtain a separate cabinet approval for each individual contract. It was intended that this approach would streamline Cabinet input and ensure focus on contracts that were significant, higher value or whose award would be a key decision.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The procurement of the projects listed in Annex 1 be approved.
2. The relevant Director or Assistant Director be given authority to make the specific contract award decisions in accordance with the delegations listed in Annex 1.
3. Reasons for the Decision  
  
To enable Cabinet to exercise its strategic oversight of higher value planned procurement projects, in accordance with the updated constitution and to avoid the need to submit multiple individual requests for contract approvals.
4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected  
  
None.
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest  
  
None.
6. Details of any Dispensations  
  
N/A
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed  
  
Midnight, 25 October 2019.

Proper Officer  
21 October 2019