

Cabinet – Supplementary agenda No.1

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held on:

Date: 8 April 2025

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: St George's Centre, Pembroke Road, Chatham ME4 4UH

Items

8. Procurement Strategy 2021 - 2025: 2025 Update Report

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Please find enclosed an addendum report.

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Procurement Strategy 2021-2025 2025 Update Report – Addendum Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Vince Maple, Leader of the Council

Report from: Bhupinder Gill, Assistant Director Legal & Governance

Author: Vanessa Etheridge, Democratic Services Officer

Summary

The report was considered by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 March 2025. This addendum sets out the draft minutes of that discussion.

1. Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1.1. The Head of Category Management introduced the report. He explained that the current Procurement Strategy had drawn to a close and the assessment was attached at Appendix 1. A new ambitious strategy would be presented to the Committee for pre decision scrutiny in the coming year.

1.2. The following issues were discussed:

Engagement with Councillors – it was asked whether assessments such as Engaging with Councillors were realistic and up to date, for example was Councillor development being progressed. The Head of Category Management stated that training was available, but no specific date had yet been set.

1.3. **Decision:**

- a. The Committee noted the achievements of the fourth year of the 2021-2025 Procurement Strategy as outlined in in Appendix 1 with updated comments.
- b. The Committee noted the conclusion of the 2021-2025 Procurement Strategy.
- c. The Committee noted the development of a new Procurement Strategy in the 25/26 financial year derived from the objectives within the National Procurement Policy Statement (NPPS).

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