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Procurement Strategy

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:

The Cabinet on 10 March 2015 considered a report that updated Members on the progress made against the Council's Procurement Strategy.

The strategy, approved in September 2013, contained 14 'measures of success' across the following four key strands:

- Supporting the local economy
- Reducing red tape
- Improved services, better outcomes
- Intelligent spending.

Appendix 1 to the report presented data that tested progress against these measures and it was noted that delivery had been positive to date, with 10 out of 14 measures either already met or exceeded.

A copy of the report and strategy is available via the following link:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgconvert2pdf.aspx?id=26437>

It was noted that the strategy would be considered at a Supplier Event, arranged for 18 March 2015, which would give suppliers, the Kent and Medway Federation for Small Business and the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce the opportunity to comment. Any major amendments to the Procurement Strategy would be reported back to Cabinet for consideration, with other revisions being dealt with through delegated authority.

The Cabinet therefore agreed to delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Legal and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, to engage in further consultation on the Procurement Strategy to ensure that it was robust and relevant, with suppliers, leading academics and other representatives of the business community and to report back to Cabinet should there be any proposed major amendments.

Decision:

The Supplier Event took place on 18 March 2015 at the St Georges Centre. Over 200 businesses from across Medway and the South East attended and there was positive feedback about the event and the Strategy.

No alterations to the Strategy are envisaged at this stage and therefore it was not necessary to action this delegation.

Reasons for Decision: N/A

Date of Decision: N/A

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Details of any other options considered and rejected: *N/A*

Conflicts of Interest: *N/A*