

Procurement Strategy

2025 - 2030



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Introduction

- The Procurement Strategy 2025 - 2030 builds on previous strategies following significant legislative changes with the introduction of the Procurement Act 2023 and Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.
 - Overarching purpose is to ensure that the Council's procurement activities are undertaken consistently and to the highest standard.
 - Strategy sets out the focus for Procurement Services for the next 5 years, mindful of the various individual strategies at directorate and service area level.
 - Development of an Action Plan that goes over and above legislative requirements to deliver a best-in-class Procurement Services function.
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Key Areas of Focus

- The Strategy has 5 clear, key areas of focus that align with legislative priorities and that will help drive delivery of the One Coventry Plan:
 - ***Contract Management*** - recognising the need to continue to improve effectiveness in contract and supplier management to ensure the Council maximises opportunities for additional cost savings and non-financial benefits.
 - ***Equality, Diversity & Inclusion*** - understand the barriers faced by organisations, review our processes and policies to find the right solution and approach, and to provide support to organisations
 - ***Professional Development*** - commitment to ensuring that all Procurement Services staff are fully qualified professionals, including an annual Ethics test as part of mandatory training.
 - ***Social Value*** - strengthening Social Value commitments against which tenderers bid back during the tender process, aligning the themes, outcomes and measures committed to by its supply chain and embed these commitments into contract and contractual terms.
 - ***Transparency*** - exceeding the legislative requirements set out in the various regulations, providing an enhanced transparent view of our contracting activity with a keen eye on supporting SMEs in accessing opportunities with the Council.

Action Plan

- The Strategy outlines 15 objectives set out by Procurement Services that align through the key areas of focus and the attributable OneCov value.
 - Actions seek to go over-and-above the legislative requirements (i.e., pipeline notices are required for contracts >£2m - Procurement Services is seeking to establish a Pipeline publication of contracts well below this value).
 - Continued development of best practice and data-informed decision making through system improvements.
 - Focus on training of Council officers to ensure they are aware of their roles and responsibilities in the Procurement and Contract Management lifecycle.
 - Hold dedicated Meet the Buyer events to support businesses in tendering for Council opportunities and procurement-specific Preliminary Market Engagement to better understand market appetite and awareness.
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Next Steps

- The Procurement Strategy received approval from Leadership Board on 03 June 2025.
- Should Scrutiny Board 1 support the proposed Procurement Strategy 2025-2030 and the Action Plan contained within, the next steps needed to be taken in order to implement are:
 - Approval by the Cabinet Member for Finance (Cllr Brown).
 - LAUNCH!

