
To: Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board

Date: 16 July 2025

Subject: SME / VCSE Inclusion

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board with an update following on from a Briefing on 'Procurement Process' that came to the Board on the 12th February 2025. During the meeting, Members requested further information on data on the proportion of contracts during 24/25 financial year being awarded to SME's. This presentation provides an update on the data and highlights the changes taking place to create a baseline of SME (Small and Medium Enterprise) / VCSE (Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprises) inclusion.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- 1) Note the details in the presentation (Appendix 1) regarding the topics covered.
 - 2) Make any relevant recommendations to the Cabinet Member.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Outline information is provided in the appended slides (Appendix 1) and the Board will receive a presentation from Officers at the meeting which will contain more detail and context on these topics.

4 Health Inequalities Impact

- 4.1 There are no Health Inequalities impacts directly related to this report.

Appendix 1: SME / VCSE Presentation

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