

Renfrewshire Council Procurement Strategy

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Why does this strategy exist? (what's the problem/opportunity this stems from)	The purpose of the strategy is to continue the council's response to the changing approach to procurement set out by the Scottish Government, and the decreasing council budget. The council aims to meet the targets set in the Review of Public Procurement in Scotland Report & Recommendations 2006 (McClelland Report). The strategy provides a framework for the council to meet these, while also following the direction of the Procurement Reform Programme to drive more efficient and effective use of the council's assets and resources.
Summary:	Renfrewshire Council strategy aims to create an efficient Procurement Programme that operates in accordance with changing legislation. The Corporate Procurement Unit (CPU) and their customer Council departments will build on their strong collaborative relationships. The aim is to continue the improvement in procurement processes and capabilities wherever possible.
Key goals and means to achieve them:	<p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renfrewshire Council have a vision of communities, public services and business organisations working together to make Renfrewshire a more inclusive, fairer place where people, communities and businesses thrive. The CPU is determined in playing its part in achieving this vision. - Transforming fundamental services and developing new ways of working to deliver medium and longer term savings as required by the "Better Future, Better Council" strategy. The CPU will assist in this endeavor but will more importantly ensure that it is providing the professional procurement advice that customers need to support the transformational changes they plan to make.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CPU will continue to seek savings opportunities in areas of non-compliant spend and through better contract management. - In helping the community, the council will develop procurement innovations to help promote the adoption of living wage by suppliers, create jobs for young people, and encourage more local businesses to participate in the council's supply chain. - The council will continue to act as a leader of procurement reform and innovation within the Local Government Sector. <p>To achieve these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The council has restructured its CPU to centralize all procurement activity, the CPU team will concentrate on achieving the best value for money in contract renewals, capital investments, and new requirements. - The CPU will follow the procurement specific competency framework to set individual training and development plans to help achieve the goals and requirement for the team. - The council will continue to strengthen its engagement with services throughout the year to support the delivery of their priority outcomes. - The council will continue its collaborative work with neighboring councils and partners. Collaboration is always considered when national and sectoral contracts are put in place. They will continue to look for collaborative procurement opportunities that benefit the council and its communities. - Procurement Sub-Committee sits every four weeks in order to approve contract awards and other procurement activity reports. - The CPU has introduced a benefits tracker to plan the procurement workload by flagging contracts about to expire, this will help reduce costs and make the council procurement more efficient
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Scottish Government is working towards implementing a contract management module to improve contract and supplier management and business. CPU staff will undergo training to effectively use the new system. <p>Changes will be seen in three areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy, Policy and Advice: Considering community benefits in all procurement exercises, and Introducing the living wage for all council employees. Services, policies and strategies will be continuously reviewed to ensure they are in line with changing legislation, and to ensure that all procurement is sustainable and ethical at every available opportunity. - People and Organisation: All CPU personnel will obtain the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (CIPS) qualification, and will be trained on updated legislation. CPU will actively engage with customers and service management teams to understand service priorities and challenges; they will highlight areas where procurement innovation can support the delivery of services. - Processes and Systems: All purchasing will be transparent and up to code, will implement a purchase card system to make the procurement process more efficient and accessible. This will be made easier with the implementation of the above mentioned benefits tracker. E-Procurement and eTendering is used for all procurement requirements, and e-Auctions are used in the early stages for contracts.
<p>Expected outcomes:</p>	<p>To create new contracts resulting in better services and facilities for the people in Renfrewshire, and to increase savings, reduce risk and create more sustainable and ethical procurement</p>
<p>Key quotes:</p>	<p>“Renfrewshire Council and its Community Partners have a vision of communities, public services and business organisations working together to make Renfrewshire a fairer, more inclusive place where all of our people, communities and business thrive. The Council has developed its ambitious “Better Future, Better Council” strategy to deliver on this positive vision, but this is being taken forward during a period of unprecedented financial constraints.”</p>

	<p>“As a result of working with the service departments, in excess of £750k recurring revenue savings were delivered in 2013/14. A target of £500k per annum has been set for 2014/15 and 2015/16.</p>
<p>Parent/child document (of what)?</p>	<p>Renfrewshire Council Procurement Strategy 2010 http://www.archive.renfrewshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/70e3f2ec-5ffc-4b53-b9f5-2cd8dfffb2d44/fcs-ProcStrategyNov13.pdf?MOD=AJPERES</p>