

## **Procurement Strategy 2020 - 2025**

### **Introduction**

Chelmsford City Council spends approximately £40m annually with third parties to enable the effective delivery of its services. This spend is a combination of longer-term contractual spend, one-off capital purchases, and day-to-day service spend. We must ensure that the processes used to source these goods, services and works are in line with current procurement regulation, and that we achieve value for money whilst still contributing to the aims of the Council as a whole.

This strategy will underpin all sourcing processes, allowing them to directly contribute to the ambitions of the Council's Our Chelmsford, Our Plan. The Council recognises that commissioning and procurement activities can have a significant impact on Chelmsford's economy, community and environment.

The strategy also supports the actions identified as a result of the Climate and Ecological Emergency, which was declared by the Council in 2019, and also the commitments of the Modern Slavery Charter which was signed by the Council in 2020.

### **Strategic Aim**

This strategy aims to ensure that procurement:

1. complies with the law (Public Contract Regulations 2015 and any other relevant legislation)
2. enables the Council's services and thereby supports achievement of Our Chelmsford, Our Plan
3. has economic, social and environmental impacts that are as positive as possible
4. makes efficient use of Council resources and
5. delivers value for money.

## **Delivery of the Strategy**

The main delivery of the strategy will be through the Council's Social Value Policy 2020. This Policy details the Chelmsford Social Value Framework, and the methodology for measuring and reporting social value impacts using National Themes Outcomes and Measures as endorsed by the Local Government Association.

Internal methods of delivery include:

- Awareness of procurement practices through updated training and documentation including Procurement Manual and Contract Procedure Rules.
- Integrated processes designed within the Council's Enterprise Resource Planning System. This will provide live detailed data on spend and contract information.
- Sharing best practice and actively working collaboratively with other local partners.

## **Review of Effectiveness**

The responsibility for the governance of the policy is within the terms of reference of the Audit and Risk Committee, therefore an annual report will be produced to ensure the committee can discharge this function. The Annual report will include:

- Progress towards Procurement Strategy objectives
- Effectiveness of the Social Value Procurement Policy

This review of use of the strategy will be undertaken periodically with the first review scheduled for 2022.

## **Associated Legislation / Key Documents**

Our Chelmsford, Our Plan 2020

Social Value Procurement Policy

(TBA) Modern Slavery Charter

Contract Procedure Rules

2020 Public Contract

Regulations 2015

Public Services Act (Social value) 2012

National TOMs Framework Guidance 2019 – Local Government

Association National Procurement Strategy for Local Government 2018

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020