

**Briefing note for SKDC Scrutiny Committee: Procurement Lincolnshire**

**This note provides an update on the feedback on the recommendations made in the Scrutiny Committee Review of Procurement Lincolnshire.**

Recommendations 1 – 4

A small working group including officers from Procurement Lincolnshire and representatives from the District Councils has met on a number of occasions to consider the savings methodology and the way that savings are recorded and reported. The working group has considered recommendations 1 – 4 in this work. The outcome of the review of the savings methodology and recommendations for change will be considered at the November meeting of the Strategic Procurement Board (SPB). The SPB includes a senior (Director) level representative from each of the Councils. I believe that the proposed changes address the issues raised by SKDC Scrutiny Committee. The decision of the SPB will be reported to SKDC following the Board meeting in November.

Recommendation 5

This recommendation was accepted by the SPB and this approach for setting the targets was implemented for the 2013/14 savings target.

Recommendations 6

Procurement Lincolnshire acknowledges and welcomes a vast improvement in terms of engagement and participation in collaborative exercises from a South Kesteven District Council perspective. This has been evident through the various procurement exercises, two examples of which are the Lincolnshire Collaborative Heating Repairs and Maintenance Contract and the Countywide Grounds Maintenance Project. In respect of both these exercises SKDC representatives have been keen to be involved at from the very beginning, feeding into the initial scope of the project and sourcing strategy, they have also dedicated the necessary time and resource when required and have been fundamental in aspects such as development of the specifications / requirements, establishing award criteria and evaluation.

Recommendations 7

Nothing further to add to this recommendation.

Recommendation 8

The Procurement Advisory Board (PAB) has not met since the supplementary recommendation taken by the Scrutiny Committee in June that was advised to the Head of Procurement Lincolnshire on 30 July. Therefore, the PAB has not had the opportunity to consider this recommendation but informal discussion with Board members suggests that the Board is open to a discussion about the number of elected members that sit on the Board. PAB is scheduled to meet in November when this recommendation will be considered.

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