

NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

REPORT OF REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

THE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 2008

NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES PROCUREMENT STRATEGY UPDATE AUGUST 2008

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Board the updated Procurement Strategy. The Procurement Action Plan will be presented to the next meeting of the Performance and Regulatory Committee.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- 2.1 Note the update to the Procurement Strategy previously published September 2007.

3 REPORT

- 3.1 The previous NCH Procurement Strategy was published in September 2007 which detailed the principles and processes to be used in Procurement.
- 3.2 Since 2007 a great amount has been achieved which includes the award of the Repairs and Maintenance Contract, the change in delivering the Decent Homes programme through volume procurement and the reduction in constructor partners.
- 3.3 The NCH Procurement Strategy dated August 2008 identifies the procurement route for 2008/2009 and beyond and incorporates changes to processes, expansion of collaborative procurement and actions that will lead to greater value being received through the adoption of the Strategy.
- 3.4 The Strategy includes instances of best practice and case studies which support the achievements over the past year.

4 OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not Applicable

5 FINANCIAL & RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Procurement Strategy identifies how best practice in procurement will be achieved across the Company. Failure to adopt best practice could lead to inefficiencies and increase costs.

6 IMPLICATIONS FOR NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES OBJECTIVES

6.1 The proposal supports the provision of Value for Money services

6.2 Effective procurement is fundamental to the delivery of the organisation's objectives as an ALMO.

7 VALUE FOR MONEY & EFFICIENCY ISSUES

7.1 The strategy details how efficiencies and savings can be achieved against current costs through effective procurement and benchmarking.

7.2 NCH officers and its partners will work in partnership to drive down costs through studies and through the benchmarking of rates supported by Central England Procurement Partnership and Efficiency North.

8 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The strategy includes proposals to improve equality and diversity through the procurement process.

9 COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

9.1 The adoption of the strategy should ensure that procurement related efficiency and value for money can be maximised across the Company.

10 BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

10.1 The Procurement Strategy: September 2007

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