

# Nottingham City Homes strategy summaries



## Procurement strategy 2008-2013

**Within the next five years, Nottingham City Homes (NCH) will be responsible for the delivery of goods and services worth more than £500million. NCH needs therefore, to be mindful of the financial opportunities and the risks placed on procuring goods and services, regardless of their cost.**

The strategy will make sure that goods and services purchased offer the best value and are fit for purpose. The procurement of goods and services must follow a consistent and transparent process involving all stakeholders. Taking a strategic approach to all procurement will allow NCH to take a holistic view of its requirements, now and in the future.

All stages of the procurement cycle must be in accordance with UK and European legal requirements, as well as reflecting NCH's own policies and priorities. The strategy aims to provide a framework that can be utilised to drive through and deliver sustainable procurement solutions that will benefit the organisation's financial position and provide the right product or service at the right price.

### **NCH will procure the best value for money supplies, services and construction works by:**

- Ensuring procurement probity through clear procedures
- Adopting the life cycle approach to the assets or contract
- Applying effective and up-to-date methods of procurement
- Ensuring procurement helps deliver NCH's key objectives
- Involving the Residents Procurement Group (RPG).

### **This will enable NCH to achieve the following objectives:**

- To award contracts on the basis of best value for money, not cheapest bid, based upon life-cycle costing, quality of service and experience, wherever possible.
- To produce a 'procurement guide', detailing the terms and conditions within which NCH is prepared to do business, and design a procurement website (shared document access etc)
- To establish, either in-house or in partnership, a centre of expertise for procurement and project management; with links to collaborative procurement via the Procurement for Housing, Central England Procurement Partnership, Efficiency North and Office of Government Commerce bodies
- To make sure our construction based purchasing and procurement are fully aligned with (or within) the allowances of the Asset Management Strategy (defined by the stock condition survey schedule of rates)
- To use best practice procurement and purchasing techniques and processes to maximise the buying power of NCH
- To work within an ethos of partnership and co-operation to continually improve service standards and enhance the well being of residents, partners and the environment
- To share best practice with other ALMOs, enabling bench marking and joint initiatives in procurement to be created.

The procurement strategy sets out the vision, principles and rules which direct and govern our procurement activities. It outlines the policies and processes that we use to deliver the strategy. It also contains a plan setting out our specific actions to achieve our strategic aims. This strategy has been approved by the NCH Board and is reviewed on an annual basis.