

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 18TH DECEMBER 2025

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 19TH NOVEMBER, 2025

“451 PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 4th September, 2025 as contained within the agenda was presented by the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer, who advised the following in response to subsequent questions and comments from the Committee:

- Contract Management Training would be provided to Senior Managers, which would cover how to manage any incidences of poor contract delivery.
- Value for money regarding the Council's relationship with Ardal would be measured largely through agreed new Key Performance Indicators, including the new paperwork on the pre-tender report, which enabled measurement of Ardal's turnaround and responsiveness. This information would be presented to the Ardal Board on a quarterly basis.
- Ways in which the success of the changes to the procurement system could be measured, would be considered by officers and information would be supplied to Committee in due course.
- Ardal's lead on Social Value had been attending meetings with officers, and a quarterly Community Benefits newsletter (Thrive) was now being published by Ardal and shared with colleagues and the 'community of practice' group.
- The Council had recently implemented the Thrive system across the partnership with Ardal to measure and monitor the social value and community benefits being committed to in the contracts.
- Which benefits and support were needed in which communities would be established through the relationship with Ardal, and also through the knowledge of colleagues working within the communities.
- A Local Spend Action Plan and Supplier Directory were additional aspects that Officers could look to develop.
- A Supplier Guide was available to advise suppliers on how they could engage with the Council.
- Further work could be done to make the language contained in information on the Council's procurement system more accessible to members of the public, however there was now a 4-5 page Executive Summary of the strategy available on the Council's website.

With no further queries or comments, Committee subsequently:

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet in order for them to consider Recommendations (2) and (3).

(2) T H A T officers ensure that the use of the terms ‘social value’ and ‘community wellbeing benefits’ are clear and consistent throughout the Procurement Policy and Strategy document.

(3) T H A T a Local Spend Action Plan, to include a Local Supplier Directory, be created and included in the Procurement Policy and Strategy.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To advise Cabinet of the views and recommendations of the Resources Scrutiny Committee, having reviewed the Draft Policy and Strategy.

(2) To ensure clarity in the document, as the terms were often used interchangeably.

(3) To maximise the Council’s potential spend with local businesses.”

[View link to previously circulated Appendix](#) – Reference to Resources Scrutiny Committee: 19th November, 2025