

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

**“C84 PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW (EL/PR)
(SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to review and update the 2022/23 Procurement Policy and Strategy, which included consideration of the Reference from Resources Scrutiny Committee that took place on 9th July, 2025 and was included on the meeting Agenda under Item 9.

The Council were undertaking a Policy and Strategy Review at the same time that in-depth Task and Finish work was undertaken on Procurement Policy, and as a result of all those discussions amongst Task and Finish Members and Officers several aspects included within the Task and Finish work were already being built into the Review as it evolved.

Cabinet were being asked to approve for the Policy and Strategy to be adopted in draft mindful of possible changes following consideration by Resources Scrutiny Committee and the planned focused review on Social Value and Circular economy by Resources Scrutiny Committee in November. It would then be reviewed again in two years' time.

Within the Task and Finish work, there were recommendations that had resource implications and those would be reviewed as part of the budget setting process as part of a joined up internal working with ongoing procurement processes.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Procurement Policy and Strategy at Appendix A to the report be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the Procurement Policy and Strategy be approved as a Draft for consultation with Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- (3) T H A T in pursuance of Resolution (2), the Draft Procurement Policy and Strategy be referred to the Resources Scrutiny Committee for review and, subject to

Cabinet considering any recommendations from the Committee, that the Policy and Strategy to be then approved as a final version.

(4) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Full Council to amend 18.12.1 (c) in the Constitution to require Social Value to be a tender requirement at £0.250m for Works and above Threshold for Services.

(5) T H A T pending the consideration of the Procurement Policy and Strategy by Resources Scrutiny Committee, the document be implemented on an interim basis.

(6) T H A T Resolution (5) be subject to the agreed use of the urgency procedure as set out at Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution.

(7) T H A T Cabinet reviews the Policy and Strategy over the next two years, with a formal report to Cabinet forthcoming in 2027 and delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer to make minor amendments to the Policy and Strategy to ensure it remained current in the meantime.

Reasons for decisions

(1) It was important that the Policy and Strategy remained current and was reviewed by Scrutiny and Cabinet on a regular and frequent basis.

(2) The current Procurement Policy and Strategy did not reflect current regulation and needed to be brought up to date ahead of review by Resources Scrutiny as a Policy and Strategy for the Council to work to.

(3) There was constructive input by the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee when the Policy and Strategy was first brought forward and it was important to have their continued input alongside their Task and Finish work on Procurement.

(4) The current thresholds were too low and a greater focus on social value was required.

(5) To enable the measures included in the Strategy to be implemented with an immediate effect and on an interim basis pending wider consultation and subsequent review as necessary.

(6) To enable the measures included in the Strategy to be implemented with an immediate effect.

(7) To ensure the Policy and Strategy remained current and Cabinet would formally review in a timely manner."