

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	20 MAY 2021	6
CONTRACTS PROCEDURE RULES			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The committee is invited to recommend changes to the council's contract procedure rules for consideration by the next council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Recommend to the next council meeting that the council adopts the changes to contract procedure rules set out in the appendix to the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Rule 1.3 of the present contract procedure rules as adopted in the last year. No other changes have been made in the last few years to about 2012.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	

REPORT

1. The council's contracts procedure rules ("the Rules") form part 4b of the council's constitution. This report proposes a number of changes to update the Rules. Members who were able to attend the member briefing on procurement in February will be familiar with the changes proposed.
2. The Rules, together with the financial regulations (also found in the constitution) form the procedural framework for procurement exercises. They are supplemented by the council's procurement strategy, the Guide to Buying for the Council, an informal procedure note for low value contracts and the sustainable procurement policy.
3. The proposed changes update the Rules in accordance with current best practice. The Rules, incorporating the proposed changes are attached, incorporating commentary on the reasons for and effect for each proposed change.

4. The Government recently issued a procurement green paper, which may lead to significant changes in public sector procurement following the end of the EU exit transition period. Any such changes would be likely to require further changes to the contract procedure rules, which would be brought to the committee for consideration.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	
Legal	The council must comply with its own procedure rules.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	The council builds sustainability into its procurement practices through its sustainable procurement policy and procurement strategy.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Contract procedure rules		Town Hall, Lytham St Annes or https://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/ConstitutionGovernanceMatters.aspx https://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/ConstitutionGovernanceMatters.aspx

Attached documents

Existing contracts procedure rules