



Meeting	SPA Resources Committee
Date	07 February 2023
Location	Video Conference
Title of Paper	Procurement Strategy Review
Presented By	Iain McKie, Head of Strategic Procurement
Recommendation to Members	For Discussion
Appendix Attached	No

PURPOSE

This purpose of this report is to advise Members that the annual statutory review of the Procurement Strategy required under the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 has been carried out.

Members are invited to note that the review has been carried out in line with statutory requirements and note the existing strategy for financial year 23/24 with a new/refreshed Procurement Strategy to be developed and consulted on during 2023 for approval before 24/25 financial year.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is required to develop and review a Procurement Strategy which lays out how the organisation will carry out regulated procurement before the start of any financial year in which it will have expenditure exceeding £5m. The Standing Orders Relating to Contracts place the responsibility for preparing, publishing and reviewing the Procurement Strategy on the Head of Strategic Procurement in Standing Order 36.

2. FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO TOPIC

Current Strategy

- 2.1 The current approved strategy covers the period 2021 – 2023. The Procurement Strategy is publicly available on the Police Scotland internet site at the following link <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/jcvdfle5/procurement-strategy-2022-v0-23.pdf>. Whilst the current Procurement Strategy has been designed to cover a three year period, the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that the Procurement Strategy is reviewed before the start of each financial year.

The Strategy has been reviewed by the Head of Strategic Procurement and wider procurement team and it is considered that no updates are required for the coming 23/24 financial year. In addition, Scottish Government's policy team recently commissioned an independent third party review of published procurement strategies across the public sector and provided feedback on the SPA/PS Procurement Strategy with the summary:

"The contractor assessed the Police Scotland procurement strategy as high quality, very detailed, with all the minimum content requirements met."

Future Strategy Development

- 2.2 It is intended that a new/refreshed Procurement Strategy will be developed and consulted on during 2023 for approval before 24/25 financial year.

Recommendation

- 2.3 It is recommended that members note the review has been carried out in line with statutory requirements and approve the recommendation to maintain the existing strategy for financial year

23/24. Following approval, the Head of Strategic Procurement will notify Scottish Ministers that the review has been carried out in accordance with regulatory requirements.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no personnel implications in this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications in this report.

6. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no reputational implications in this report.

7. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no social implications in this report.

8. COMMUNITY IMPACT

8.1 There are no community implications in this report.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no equality implications in this report.

10. ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no environmental implications in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to note the review of the existing Procurement Strategy has been completed in line with statutory requirements.

Members are also invited to note that new/refreshed Procurement Strategy will be developed and consulted on during 2023 for approval before 24/25 financial year