

**Procurement Strategy 2021/22 and Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22 –
Final documents and consultation**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1

Section 5.1 Priorities Item 2: Objectives, Strategy & Communications
and EU Regulations
on 31st December 2020.

- 1.5 The final versions of the documents will be published on the April 2021.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for the revised final Procurement Strategy 2021/22 and Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That Policy and Resources Committee note the key changes as detailed at Section 4.4 below to the Procurement Strategy 2021/22 and Section 4.6 to the Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22 and the outcome of the consultation.

3.2 That Policy and Resources Committee agree the revised final Procurement Strategy 2021/22 and Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22 to be published

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 The Council has a statutory requirement to update and publish both its Procurement Strategy and its Sustainable Procurement Policy on an annual basis following the key changes introduced by the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016.

4.2 The Council also has a requirement to consult with key stakeholder groups for

Increasing the level of collaboration both internally, between service areas, and externally with other partner organisations;

and within Section 5.2 which states For all of our procurement activity we aim to previous corporate procurement strategies, with a view to we have included the following *to enhance contract management throughout the Council to increase efficiency and deliver better value for money*

The Procurement Strategy by Category section has been updated with current plans; and

The Financial Analysis section has been updated with 2019/20 figures.

4.5 **Sustainable Procurement Policy**

The Argyll and Bute Council Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22 builds on existing sustainability practice. The policy covers the three strands of sustainability: environmental, social and economic and aims to meet the substantial challenges of balancing the complexities of sustainable procurement

4.6 **Summary of key changes to the Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22**

The Argyll and Bute Council Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22 has only had minor spend data updates from the previous version. After internal and external research and public consultation was undertaken, the following was amended:

Section 1.2 has been amended to read: *The Policy will support the*

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4.7 The revised draft Procurement Strategy 2021/22 and Sustainable Procurement Policy 2021/22 are attached as Appendix 1.

4.8 The Stakeholder Consultation report details the outcome of the consultation. This is attached at Appendix 2

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy	The Procurement Strategy and the Sustainable Procurement Policy are existing policies to which no major amendments have been made.
6.2 Financial	None at present
6.3 Legal	This paper ensures the Council meets the statutory requirement to update and publish both its Procurement Strategy and its Sustainable Procurement Policy on an annual basis.
6.4 HR	None at present