
Report To:	Policy and Resource Committee	Date: 19 November 2013
Report By:	Acting Corporate Director, Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No: FIN/89/13/JB/CM
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Subject:	2013 Procurement Capability Assessment Score	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the 2013 Procurement Capability Assessment score.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Corporate Procurement Manager previously developed a Strategic Procurement Framework (SPF) with the target of achieving “conformance status” against the McClelland report. This was achieved in November 2011 and a refreshed strategy was agreed in 2012.
- 2.2 Reports are presented to Committee throughout the year giving updates on the progress of this action plan which is aimed at achieving ‘Improved’ performance status.
- 2.3 The work completed on the SPF has contributed to a further improvement in the annual Procurement Capability Assessment (PCA) from Scotland Excel with a score of 54% being achieved in the most recent assessment in October 2013. This means that the Council is now in the ‘Improved’ performance criteria.
- 2.4 There are 4 performance standards identified within the McClelland report on Public Procurement in Scotland; Non Conformance, Conformance, Improved Performance and Superior Performance. There are 8 procurement sections assessed as part of the PCA. The sections and standards, as found at the most recent PCA, are listed in section 4 of this report.
- 2.5 The achievement of Improved Performance was a key project within the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan for 2013/16.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the Procurement Capability Assessment 2013 score and welcome the achievement of Improved Performance Status by the Council.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Corporate Procurement Manager previously developed a Strategic Procurement Framework (SPF) with the target of achieving “conformance status” against the McClelland report. This was achieved in November 2011 and a refreshed strategy was agreed in 2012.
- 4.2 There are 4 performance standards identified within the McClelland report on Public Procurement in Scotland; Non Conformance, Conformance, Improved Performance and Superior Performance.
- 4.3 Reports are presented to Committee throughout the year giving updates on the progress of this action plan which is aimed at achieving ‘Improved’ performance status.
- 4.4 The work completed on the SPF has contributed to a further improvement in the annual Procurement Capability Assessment from Scotland Excel with a score of 54% being achieved in the most recent assessment in October 2013 compared to 47% in December 2012. This means that the Council is now in the ‘Improved’ performance criteria.
- 4.5 There are 4 performance standards identified within the McClelland report on Public Procurement in Scotland; Non Conformance, Conformance, Improved Performance and Superior Performance. There are 8 procurement sections assessed as part of the PCA. The section and standards, as found at the most recent PCA, are listed below and compared to the 2012 assessment in each case.

PCA Section	2012 Score	2013 Score
Procurement Leadership and Governance	Conformance	Improved
Procurement Strategy and Objectives	Improved	Improved
Defining the Supply Need	Conformance	Improved
Project Strategies and Collaborative purchasing	Improved	Improved
Contract and Supplier Management	Conformance	Conformance
Key Purchasing Processes and Systems	Conformance	Conformance
People	Improved	Superior
Performance Measurement	Conformance	Conformance
Overall Value of Results	47%	54%
Overall Status	Conformance	Improved

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The attainment of Improved performance reflects well on the investment the Council has made in Procurement and the drive and commitment shown by the Corporate Procurement Manager and his team. The individual section scores illustrate the strengths of the Council in terms of people and demonstrates the opportunities for further improvement in areas such as supplier management and processes and systems.
- 5.2 The Strategic Procurement Framework contains actions designed to deliver further improvements in these areas and reports will continue to be made to the Policy and Resources Committee.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7.0 HR IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 None

9.0 EQUALITIES

9.1 None

10.0 REPOPULATION

10.1 None