

PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

PURPOSE

This procurement strategy sets out the procurement priorities for 2022 to 2025. The aim is to ensure that our procurement function is best able to support the Delivery Plan and all applicable legislative requirements.

The purpose of this Procurement Strategy is to communicate clearly to all stakeholders, including the public and suppliers, but most importantly those staff involved in the procurement process, how Derby Homes ensures that the procurement of services, supplies and works, furthers its objectives.

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Aim

This Strategy ensures alignment with the standing orders relating to procurement and contracts of Derby Homes.

Procurement concerns the acquisition of all goods, works and services. It relates to all expenditure by Derby Homes. The aim of this Procurement Strategy is to set a clear framework for procurement throughout Derby Homes which reflects our Delivery Plan, provides a framework for securing value for money and which stands alongside our Accounting and Audit Rules and Procurement Rules.

The procurement process spans the whole lifecycle from identification of needs through to the end of a contract or the end of the useful life of an asset. It involves options appraisal and the critical 'make or buy' decision which may result in the provision of services in-house or through other supply arrangements.



The Procurement Lifecycle

The UK Government are in the process of drafting new procurement legislation following the end of the Brexit transition period. Once the new legislation has been published Derby Homes will review key procurement documentation including this strategy, the Procurement Standing Orders and Procurement Procedures documents and amend accordingly. Communication and training will then be put in place as necessary for all staff.

Procurement is devolved to Heads of Service and Authorised Employees, and it is their responsibility to follow the Procurement Procedures and Rules. This Procurement Strategy sets out how such devolved procurement delivers Derby Homes objectives.

Procurement Framework

Derby Homes is open-minded about the way services are procured. These are either:

- in-house
- in collaboration with Derby City Council
- buying consortia (frameworks)
- procured jointly with others
- procured from another local authority/ public sector organisation

The Derby Homes vision for Procurement is "to deliver an approach to Procurement which ensures best value for the people of Derby and supports delivery of the positive social outcomes within the community." Derby Homes Procurement objectives support this vision and fall into five key areas:

Strong Procurement leadership - Procurement activity will be clearly linked to delivery of corporate aims and objectives. Procurement arrangements within Derby Homes are reviewed monthly by the Management Team. Implementation of the legislative changes to the public procurement procedures as set out in the Procurement Bill introduced to Parliament aiming to simplify procurement in the public sector. Configure procurement, to effectively meet our strategic and operational objectives as directed by Memorandum, Articles, Governance standing Orders and other applicable strategies. Ensure compliance with the National Procurement Policy Statement (Cabinet action note PPN 05/21).

Effective capability and capacity - Team members undertaking Procurement activities and managing Suppliers and contracts will be appropriately trained and equipped. They will be capable to participate in the initial Procurement and engagement of a Supplier and manage them proactively during contracts.

Robust processes - Procurement processes and procedures will be clear, efficient, and easy to use. Processes will ensure Procurement activity on all occasions consider the best value solution available when selecting any works, services and / or goods and will balance Whole Lifecycle with customer benefit in a manner that is open, transparent, and supported with evidence. There are comprehensive Accounting, Audit, Procurement Rules and Procurement Procedures in place template procurement documentation is available

Ensuring Value for Money - Procurement will deliver and demonstrate Value for Money through a federated approach, using Derby Homes buying power to optimise sustainability and value for money. Implementation of sustainable procurement ensuring social, economic, and environmental value is delivered through procurement activities. Adopting the lifecycle approach to assets and contracts. Applying effective and up-to-date procurement procedures. Collaborating with other contracting authorities, professional buying consortia where relevant to best use resources and achieve efficiencies; and ensuring procurement helps deliver our key corporate priorities.

Delivery of positive outcomes - Procurement will deliver and support positive outcomes for the people of Derby, including Social Value. Derby Homes recognises Procurement has a key role generating benefits not only for the organisation but the local economy and population, maximising environmental, social, and economic opportunity in line with the Social Value Strategy.