

FC23. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called in to Council by Depute Provost Black and Councillor C Martin.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 31 May 2011; and (b) Report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services submitted to the said meeting presenting a draft Corporate Procurement policy for 2011-14 and proposing a review of the Council's procurement structure.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that Council:-

- “(1) notes that local procurement has dropped down the area of priority to the extent that it does not rate even a single mention in the Director's covering report;
- (2) agrees that it has a responsibility to seek to stimulate the local economy and can do so with a greater emphasis on local procurement;
- (3) notes the outcomes of the 2008-11 Procurement Strategy, the Procurement Capability Assessment results and the requirement to not only review existing procurement structures and resources, but also assess the impact on the local economy of centralisation of procurement policies; and
- (4) refers the 2011-14 Procurement Strategy back to the Best Value Forum to ensure that local procurement is given its proper place within the overall strategy.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor C Martin, seconded by Depute Provost Black, moved the recommendations as set out in the Report.

On a division, 13 Members voted for the Motion and 15 Members voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **NOTED** the outcomes from the 2008-11 Procurement Strategy, the Procurement Capability Assessment results and the requirement to review existing procurement structures and resources.

AGREED to approve the 2011-14 Corporate Procurement Strategy.