

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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**PROCUREMENT – MEMBERS’ TRAINING**

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**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To inform Members of a recent training seminar regarding Procurement.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. Members are asked to note the presentation.

**BACKGROUND**

3. The Council is an organisation, which spends over £100,000,000 per year. One important aspect of that expenditure is the need to ensure that the money is correctly spent and that there is a transparent audit trail.
4. All authorities have financial regulations and contract standing orders, which are essential to ensure that not only is malpractice not permitted, but also that there is no perception of malpractice.
5. Whilst Officers regularly receive training and updates regarding the procurement process, Members have not had such training. However, on the 30<sup>th</sup> November, a training session was held for Members, and copies of the slides from that training session are attached to this report as Appendix 1.
6. The Council has also produced a guide to procurement and that is also attached as Appendix 2.

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