

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL



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| Report of: | Executive Member for Finance and Governance Director of Finance |
| Submitted to: | Executive |
| Date: | 14 February 2023 |
| Title: | Tender Pipeline Approval 2023/24 and Corporate Procurement Strategy 2023-26 |
| Report for: | Decision |
| Status: | Public |
| Strategic priority: | Quality of service |
| Key decision: | Yes |
| Why: | Decision(s) will incur expenditure or savings above £150,000 and have a significant impact in two or more wards |
| Urgent: | No |
| Why: | Not applicable |

Executive summary

To seek Executive approval of the Middlesbrough Council tender pipeline for 2023/4 including the delegation of responsibility for award to the relevant Director in consultation with their Executive member and to approve the development and publication of the new Corporate Procurement Strategy 2023-26.

This decision is being sought in line with governance arrangements for tenders undertaken by the Council.

The implications of this decision has been considered by the appropriate officers of the Council and are set out in the main body of the report.

Purpose

1. To approve Middlesbrough Council's tender pipeline for 2023/24 and agree delegation of award to the relevant Director in consultation with their Executive Member and the development and publication of the Corporate Procurement Strategy 2023-26.

Background and relevant information

2. A tender pipeline for April 2023 to 31st March 2024 has been developed as part of our governance processes this report seeks Executive approval for that planned procurement activity and delegates authority for contract award to the relevant Director in consultation with their Executive Member.
3. The tender pipeline for 2022/23 had 28 tenders proposed and below is an update on them all:
 - 18 – Tenders have been awarded
 - 5 – Tenders are currently ongoing
 - 1 – Tender did not progress and is no longer required
 - 4 – Tenders publications dates were delayed and will now be published in 2023/24
4. Please note the 4 tenders delayed for publication have been included in the Tender Pipeline 2023/24 for audit purposes.
5. The tender pipeline will be a live record which will be maintained by the Commissioning and Procurement Team and available for the supplier market to view on the Council's website.
6. In the event that new tenders are required during the year then Individual Executive reports will be presented. Please note this should be minimal because this should only occur where new funding is available.
7. Middlesbrough Council's Corporate Procurement Strategy ends in 2023 and a new three year strategy will be co-produced and published later in the year. The corporate procurement strategy sets out the Council's approach to procurement and is published on our website.

What decision(s) are being recommended?

That the Executive

- approves the tender pipeline for 2023/24 including delegation of responsibility for award of contract to the relevant Director in consultation with their Executive Member and development and publication of the new Corporate Procurement Strategy 2023-26.

Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

8. To continue to have strong governance arrangements in place for procurement activity carried out by the Council.

Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended

9. There are no other decisions.

Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Legal

10. This decision will enhance governance of procurement.

Strategic priorities and risks

11. The procuring of high quality services to meet the needs of our residents.

12. Potential to stimulate the local market and create employment opportunity especially for high value contracts.

13. Ability to encourage and engage local supply chains especially for high value contracts.

Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

14. An Impact Assessment has been completed and found no concerns that the Tender Pipeline and delegation of responsibility could have any adverse effects and the assessment is attached as Appendix B.

Financial

15. The decision will enhance Finance services knowledge of tender activity of the Council.

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

| Action | Responsible Officer | Deadline |
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| Publish the Tender Pipeline 2023/24 | Specialist Commissioning & Procurement Manager | 31 st March 2023 |
| Consultation on the development of the new Corporate Procurement Strategy 2023-26 | Specialist Commissioning & Procurement Manager | 31 st July 2023 |
| Publication of the new Corporate Procurement Strategy 2023-26 | Specialist Commissioning & Procurement Manager | 1 st October 2023 |

Appendices

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| 1 | Appendix A – Tender Pipeline 2023/24 |
| 2 | Appendix B – Impact Assessment |
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Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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