

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE



Report subject	Procurement & Contract Management - Delivery Plan Progress Report
Meeting date	16 October 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	BCP Council's Head of Procurement and Contract Management has produced a presentation (Appendix A) which provides an update to Audit & Governance Committee on progress to date in delivering BCP's Procurement and Contract Management Strategy 2024 - 2028. The presentation includes an update on progress made during the first year of delivery of BCP's Procurement and Contract Management Strategy. Key points of note are: • Commitments – 29 of the 57 commitments described in the BCP's Procurement and Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028 are marked as completed • Performance against (9) measures – the presentation includes slides for 7 of the 9 measures described in Section 5.5 of BCP's Procurement & Contract Management Strategy 2024-2028. The presentation also includes a summary of further reforms to public procurement that are expected to become relevant to the Council.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: (i) Audit & Governance Committee notes progress to date in delivering BCP's Procurement and Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028 and the update provided. (ii) Audit & Governance Committee consider an approval mechanism to refine the (9) measures described in Section 5.5 of the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028.
Reason for recommendations	To update Audit & Governance Committee on BCP's progress to date in delivering against the commitments described in the BCP's Procurement and Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028. To advise Audit & Governance Committee of emerging national issues and developments that may become relevant to the Council.

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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Information

Background

1. Procurement & Contract Management Board was established in March 2024, with oversight of all Procurement & Contract Management activity across BCP Council.
2. The Procurement & Contract Management Board provides an annual update to Corporate Management Board (most recently July 2025).
3. Section 5.4. of BCP's Procurement & Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028 describes a Delivery Plan approved by the Procurement and Contracts Board with progress reported to Audit and Governance at 6-month intervals.
4. Section 5.5 describes nine measures by which delivery will be measured and monitored.
5. BCP's Head of Procurement and Contract Management has a responsibility to provide 6-monthly updates to those charged with governance (Audit & Governance Committee) on progress made in delivering BCP's Procurement & Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028, approved by Cabinet September 2024.
6. Most of the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 went live on 24 February 2025.

Delivery Plan Progress Report

Progress as at September 2025

7. The attached presentation (Appendix A) summarises progress made in delivering the 57 commitments described in BCP's Procurement & Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028.
8. Appendix A includes charts plotting 2024/25 data for 7 of the 9 measures described in Section 5.5 of BCP's Procurement & Contract Management Strategy 2024 – 2028.

Sector Update

9. The report includes a summary of the Government's consultation, launched in July 2025, titled Public Procurement: Growing British Industry, Jobs and Skills which sets out further reforms to public procurement following the Procurement Act 2023.

Options Appraisal

10. An options appraisal is not applicable for this report.

Summary of financial implications

11. There are no direct financial implications from this report.

Summary of legal implications

12. There are no direct legal implications from this report.

Summary of human resources implications

13. There are no direct human resources implications from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

14. There are no sustainability impact implications from this report.

Summary of public health implications

15. There are no public health implications from this report.

Summary of equality implications

16. There are no direct equality implications from this report.

Summary of risk assessment

17. There are no risk implications from this information report.

Background papers

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Appendices

Appendix A – Delivery Plan Progress Report for Audit & Governance v1.00