



PROCUREMENT POLICY

Freebridge
COMMUNITY HOUSING



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Responsible Officer	Chief Finance & Technology Officer		

Policy Statement: Freebridge is committed to a procurement strategy that upholds the principles of the Procurement Act 2023 by promoting transparency, fair competition, innovation, and value for money. Our approach will ensure that the procurement of goods, works, and services delivers high-quality, sustainable, and cost-effective outcomes that support Freebridge's aims and Business Plan priorities.

We will achieve this by:

- **Delivering Value for Money and Continuous Improvement** by securing the most advantageous balance of cost, quality, sustainability, and social value for the benefit of our tenants, customers, and communities.
- **Ensuring Transparency and Clarity** by openly communicating our requirements, evaluation criteria, and decision-making processes to enable a well-informed and competitive supplier market.
- **Promoting Fair and Proportionate Competition** by applying levels of competition appropriate to the scale, risk, and complexity of each procurement, in compliance with the Act.
- **Upholding Integrity and Compliance** by ensuring all procurement activity reflects the highest standards of probity, accountability, and legal compliance.
- **Encouraging Collaboration and Accessibility** by adopting a partnership approach and ensuring Freebridge is straightforward and fair to engage with.
- **Supporting Local and SME Enterprise** where this delivers genuine value and benefit, in line with the public benefit duty under the Act.

In delivering our procurement activities, we will:

- **Adopt a Consistent and Coordinated Approach** to procurement across the organisation to ensure efficiency and compliance.
- **Take a Long-Term and Sustainable Perspective** by applying whole-life costing and innovative approaches to maximise financial, social, and environmental benefits over the lifetime of assets and services.

- **Provide Accountability and Clarity of Roles** by ensuring responsibilities in procurement are clearly understood and visible across the organisation.
- **Invest in People and Skills** by developing the knowledge, expertise, and confidence of staff involved in procurement.
- **Advance Sustainability, Equality, and Social Value** by embedding these objectives into procurement activities to achieve wider community, corporate, and service outcomes.
- **Promote Awareness of Risk and Regulation** by ensuring staff and Board members understand the regulatory framework, and the potential financial, legal, environmental, health, safety, and reputational impacts of procurement decisions.