



PROCUREMENT POLICY



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Responsible Officer	Chief Finance & Technology Officer		

Policy Statement: Freebridge shall promote a procurement strategy that supports the delivery of innovative, cost-effective and high quality services to fulfil Freebridge's aims and Business Plan priorities by means of:

- Delivering Value for Money and continuous improvement by achieving the most advantageous combination of cost, quality and sustainability in delivering our service to and on behalf of our current and future customers.
- Clearly communicating our requirements and our evaluation criteria, creating an informed supplier.
- Establishing levels of competition and flexibility appropriate to the size and complexity of the individual purchase and Freebridge requirement.
- Promoting the highest possible standards of probity and compliance.
- Adopting a partnership approach and being easy to do business with.
- Supporting local enterprise when it is correct and advantageous to do so.

We shall:

- Consider the needs and aspirations of our tenants and their communities, by involving our tenants in the procurement of goods and services that affect them and their homes and ensure that quality is measured by seeking feedback.
- Achieve effective, consistent and co-ordinated procurement.
- Encourage long-term thinking and commitment to procurement issues including the promotion of whole life costing methods to assess and evaluate financial benefits over the entire life of assets and services.
- Provide greater visibility and understanding of the responsibilities of staff involved with procurement activities.
- Develop skills and provide support for staff involved in procurement activities.
- Promote sustainability, local economic development, as well as equality and diversity objectives throughout our procurement activities in achieving our community, corporate and service objectives.
- Raise awareness to staff and board members of the increasingly complex regulatory framework in which procurement operates, and the potentially high-risk impacts arising from the financial, legal, environmental, health and safety and reputational environments.