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PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2016 – 2021

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Procurement Strategy is a statement of the Procurement Team's strategic objectives for the period 2016 – 2021. It replaces the previous Procurement Strategy (2010 - 2015) and directly supports the University's Strategy Planning Framework and the Financial Services Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021.
- 1.2 The Procurement Strategy has been produced following consultation with the Financial Services Leadership Team, the Procurement Team and other key stakeholders across the University.

2 The Procurement Team's vision

- 2.1 The Procurement Team will be a centre of procurement expertise for the University. By co-ordinating and utilising the resources available to it from within and external to the University, it will aim to deliver optimal value for money in respect to all non pay expenditure and develop efficient and effective procurement systems and processes.
- 2.2 The Team will support the University's strategic goals, using our talents and resources to make our University work effectively for our students, our colleagues and our external stakeholders, through the provision of a forward thinking, effective and commercial procurement service. The Procurement Team will support the University's critical measures of success namely:
 - a Community of Great People; and
 - Sustainable Resources

3 Strategic Objectives

- 3.1 The Procurement Team's Strategic Objectives are to:
 1. facilitate the development of an effective and coordinated procurement structure across Leeds Beckett, minimising duplication of effort and optimising the skills and expertise of central and devolved buyers;
 2. develop effective and efficient integrated Procurement systems;
 3. integrate sound economic, social and environmental considerations into University procurement practices and procedures;
 4. deliver value for money through Category Management, collaboration and the development and utilisation of contracts; and
 5. facilitate good contract management and a high level of supplier engagement.
- 3.2 Annual progress against the 5 Strategic Objectives can be found [here](#).

4 Strategic Reporting

- 4.1 The Head of Procurement will be responsible to the Director of Finance for the implementation of the Procurement Strategy. Annual progress will be reported to the Finance Staffing and Resources Committee and the Audit Committee.

5 Measurement of the Procurement Service

- 5.1 The maturity of the procurement service will be measured by an externally provided Procurement Maturity Assessment (PMA) every 3 years. The aim will be to achieve an assessment of 'Planned' (upper quartile).
- 5.2 The 5 year Strategic Plan will be measured annually and a summary of progress will be included in the annual Procurement Report.