

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Procurement Workshop
Date:	9 October 2009
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Key Issues

At Strategic Policy & Resources on 18 September 2009, Members raised general concerns regarding procurement. Recent reports relating to public procurement also prompted members to ask questions about the Council's procurement process.

The scope and scale of the City Hall refurbishment specification was also questioned by some Members.

To ensure that Members are fully apprised of the Council's procurement process the Procurement Manager will facilitate a workshop. The areas covered will include:

- Background
- Control mechanisms in place to ensure accountability
- Legislative requirements
- Strategic procurement
- Procurement Process
- Potential risks/Safeguards
- Ease of access/ developing suppliers
- Green procurement
- Role of Members

Resources

No additional resources are required other than approximately 2 hours of Member's time.

Recommendation

Members are asked to agree to participation in a Procurement Workshop within the next 4-6 weeks, date, time and venue to be agreed.

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