

Committee	Audit and Risk Management Committee
Subject	Internal Audit – Procurement Review
Action requested	<input type="checkbox"/> For information only <input type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> For endorsement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For approval
Summary of the paper	<p>Internal auditor's report on Procurement.</p> <p>report provides WEAK level of assurance.</p> <p>It only makes only one recommendation, but this is graded as High.</p> <p>The review recognises a substantial number of areas of best practice, but recommends that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continues on its journey to procure its legacy suppliers to increase the level of suppliers that have undergone the procurement process. staff members are reminded of the necessity to follow procurement routes and are provided with guidance on how to follow these routes. <p>The report acknowledges that Procurement has been an area of focus since the merger took place and that significant improvements in process and in contractual arrangements have already taken place.</p> <p>Nevertheless, management accepts the recommendation as made and acknowledges that necessary transformation is still in progress and will extend to July 2026.</p> <p>Key high-level actions are set out in the management response to the auditor's recommendation.</p>
Resource implications	A 12-month fixed-term appointment is to be made within Procurement to accelerate the pace of change.
Risk implications	Successful completion of desired enhancements to procurement processes will reduce the risk of non-compliance with mandatory procurement regulations.
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Date of Board / Committee meeting	26 th February 2025
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Link with strategy Please highlight how the paper links to the Strategic Plan	Successful completion of desired enhancements to procurement processes will enhance accountability, improve transparency, improve process efficiency and assist in evidencing VfM on non-pay expenditure.
Island communities	N/a
Status (e.g., confidential, non-confidential)	Non confidential
Freedom of information	Yes
Consultation How has consultation with partners been conducted?	None

Recommendation – THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED

Background –

Current Situation –