

# WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

## PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

### PURPOSE

- 1 To ensure that procurement of goods and services are integrally linked to the corporate objectives of the Fire Authority.
- 2 To ensure compliance with the Authorities financial regulations, standing orders and EC procurement rules.
- 3 To ensure that major procurement programmes are supported by a business case, with the most appropriate sourcing option.

### AIM

- 1: To Deliver
  - The right goods and services
  - To the right people/place
  - At the right time
  - Achieving the right specification
  - In the most cost effective way
- 2: To Realise
  - Organisation benefits and efficiency gains in accordance with Best Value

### STRATEGY

The above will be achieved by:

- i. A planned Corporate approach to procurement supported by a clear business case endorsed by the Management Board/Elected Members.
- ii. Fostering and encouraging partnership collaborative arrangement within the service and where appropriate involving other agencies.
- iii. Establishing an effective communications network involving supplies, internal customers and policy makers to highlight the value of the contribution that the procurement function can bring to the service.
- iv. Developing links with policy makers and shapers to ensure that the procurement function is involved in all areas of expenditure.
- v. Streamlining procurement process in accordance with professional practices harnessing the latest available technology.
- vi. Developing standardised processes and specifications layout.
- vii. Continually reviewing performance ensuring that Best Value (BV) is obtained and maintained in line with the above aims.
- viii. Ensuring that the procurement approach takes account of Health and Safety, environmental, social and ethical issues.

The above should be read in conjunction with the Procurement Policy