

Schools Forum – 5 July 2016

Update to the Procurement Regulations for Schools

Recommendation

1. The Schools Forum approve the revised Procurement Regulations for Schools (PRFS) as attached as Appendix 1.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for People:

PART A

Why is it coming here – what decision is required?

2. Any amendments to the PRFS need to be approved by Schools Forum

Reasons for recommendation

3. The current scheme has become out of date as a result of revisions from the European Union and the creation of Entrust (OJEU) Joint Venture. Following consultation on the revised scheme, attached as Appendix 1, it is recommended that Schools Forum approve the updated scheme to take effect from 5th July 2016.

PART B

Background:

4. The PRFS lays down the detailed regulations and procedures that schools must follow in order to demonstrate proper safeguards and controls for ensuring Best Value in purchasing decisions and to safeguard the governors and staff of the school when making purchasing decisions. The scheme was last updated in 2012 and a copy of the current version is available on the Staffordshire Learning Net (SLN) to be viewed by any interested party.
5. The PRFS has been updated to take into account the formation of Entrust and to make it completely clear that schools can buy from Entrust without going through a full procurement (Appendix 1, Section N)
6. Changes as stated in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 & Transparency Code on Staffordshire Council Procurement dated 31 January 2015 have been included where applicable to schools and academies. (Appendix 2) and the New Threshold Values for 2016 as published on the Gov.Uk website.
7. No comments were received during the consultation period.

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List of background papers: