



Spelthorne Borough Council Procurement Policy 2019 – 2020

Purpose and Scope

Spelthorne Borough Council is committed to the continuous delivery of value for money for our residents and good procurement has a key part to play in delivering the Council's Corporate Plan.

The continued reduction in central government funding, together with ongoing financial challenges, means it is more important than ever to achieve the best value possible from our procurement of works, goods and services. Best value means the highest quality achievable for the right price.

This Policy sets out the principles underpinning our use of external markets, and takes in account the requirements of Spelthorne's Contract Standing Orders.

Key Principles

- We will involve our stakeholders in the development of a Procurement Plan. The Plan will be used to effectively allocate resources to key projects and to identify opportunities for innovation, and will be shared on our website.
- We will develop practical processes and procedures that make it easier to deliver procurement projects.
- Where the value for money and efficiency benefits can be demonstrated, we will promote the use of frameworks and collaborative procurement.
- We will build our knowledge of our key commercial markets, and use this to procure more economically, more efficiently and more effectively.
- Our market knowledge will help us to shape our approach to the markets, and to develop innovative and alternative solutions to the provision of our services.
- Our procurement approach will be competitive and compliant, effectively managing risk and adhering to all applicable legislation. This will include the publication of our plans and our spend on Spelthorne's website.
- We will provide opportunities for our residents by specifying social value in our key contracts.
- We will strive to make Spelthorne a good council to do business with for small and local businesses.

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