



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
31 JANUARY 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

ITEM 10

Overlapping Areas of Control and Management: Procurement

RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider and, subject to any revisions, approve the draft report for submission to Council Cabinet.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2. The attached report results from the investigation carried out by the sub-group of members on behalf of the Commission. The work involved surveys of departments and directorates, interviews conducted by support officers plus direct evidence-gathering interviews by members.
3. The report looks at the personnel involved in the procurement function. The report has been kept intentionally brief - with an appendix listing the evidence documents - and the number of recommendations intentionally kept low, achieved by restricting these to action points. However, it will also be important for Council Cabinet and appropriate officers to also take account of the conclusions, as these contain important observations and messages. A separate report will be made subsequently offering options as to how this review work might be conducted in future.

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Background papers:	Listed in the Appendix to the main report
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications; Appendix Two – The draft report

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 None directly arising. Recommendation 1 offers the possibility of widening commitment budgeting across departments which would deliver more reliable in-year budget control.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly arising

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising. If recommendation 1 is implemented the work content of a significant number staff might be altered marginally and, for a smaller number of mainly departmental finance staff, significantly. Recommendation 1 would also affect the 2005/06 work programme of internal audit staff.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The recommendations made by the review may promote the following *Corporate Objective* • **integrated, cost effective services** that respond to customers' and community needs, rather than those of the Council; *and* the associated *Commitment* that 'the Council will: • be open, transparent and honest in everything it does • value its employees in delivering services' and these *Priorities for Change*: 1. Minimise increases in Council Tax and increase value for money from Council services and 8. Enhance the community leadership role of the Council both at strategic and neighbourhood level, through partnership working and listening to, and communicating, with the public.