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08/15 Contract Procedure Rules – Legislation Update

The Committee considered a report which stated that the European Union (EU) Procurement Directive came into force in April 2014. Member states have had two years to implement them at National Level. The UK's implementation of the directive, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Regulations) were laid in Parliament on 5 February 2015 and took effect from 26 February 2015.

These Regulations govern public procurement for any goods, services or works over specified thresholds and incorporate the Lord Young Reforms to provide access to Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's).

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's) provide procurement guidance to officers to ensure compliance with these Regulations. The CPR's also set rules determined by the Council for under the EU threshold procurements and detail the required approval processes to reduce risk to the Council and officers.

In light of the implementation of the Regulations, the Council has updated the current CPR's to reflect the changes. Approval was being sought for these amendments to be implemented throughout the Council.

Resolved to recommend Council to approve the changes in the Contract Procedure Rules outlined in Appendix 2 and paragraph 4.1 of the report subject to the minor amendment of paragraph 7.2 of Appendix 2 of the report.