

Resident Impact Assessment

Progressive Procurement Strategy 2020/27

Service Area: Community Wealth Building

1. What are the intended outcomes of this policy, function etc?

The Progressive Procurement Strategy 2020/27 sets out the general approach of the Council in regard to money spent with third parties. Consequently, the strategy as usual comprises approaches to wider supply chain matters such commissioning and contract management.

The new Strategy marks a significant change from the last strategy. In particular, it reflects:

- the Council's default strategy to deliver services in-house
- where there is a strong case for continuing external delivery, the Council actively seeks progressive supply partners with shared values and common ambitions
- the need to invest in strengthening the capacity of local businesses, particularly micro and small businesses, and local VCSE organisations to successfully bid for Council contracts
- the fundamental importance of the Council's supply chain and purchasing decisions to the delivery of social value and wider community wealth building objectives
- the commitment to going significantly beyond minimum national guidance on social value weighting, targeting a weighting of 20% for the majority of external procurements
- the need to strengthen procurement and contract management processes and expertise to ensure, in particular, the delivery of ambitious social value targets
- the commitment to work with fellow anchor institutions to seek opportunities to integrate supply chains and pool purchasing power, further strengthening our ability to deliver social value.

The Strategy signals and underpins the Council's ambition to leverage its purchasing power to maximise the delivery of social value to our residents and to help build a genuinely inclusive local economy. The Strategy represents a significant shift to embrace the Council's Community Wealth

Building objectives, whilst maintaining value for money, and ensuring procured services are of high quality, delivering on all contractual commitments, and based on strong supplier relationships.

2. Resident Profile

Who is going to be impacted by this change i.e. residents/service users/tenants?

The council's Progressive Procurement Strategy 2020/27 will have an impact on all third party spend arrangement. Consequently, there can be an impact on service users, residents, business, partners etc. The Council's Constitution reserves matters which "consider and promote strategic and Council-wide initiatives to improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the Council's services to the public" to the Council's Executive for decision.

Please complete data for your service users. If your data does not fit into the categories in this table, please copy and paste your own table in the space below. Please refer to section 3.3 of the guidance for more information.

		Borough profile	Service User profile
		Total: 206,285	As per borough profile
Gender	Female	51%	
	Male	49%	
Age	Under 16	32,825	
	16-24	29,418	
	25-44	87,177	
	45-64	38,669	
	65+	18,036	
Disability	Disabled	16%	
	Non-disabled	84%	
Sexual orientation	LGBT	No data	
	Heterosexual/straight	No data	
Race	BME	52%	
	White	48%	
Religion or belief	Christian	40%	
	Muslim	10%	
	Other	4.5%	
	No religion	30%	
	Religion not stated	17%	

3. Equality impacts

With reference to the guidance, please describe what are the equality and socio-economic impacts for residents and what are the opportunities to challenge prejudice or promote understanding?

Is the change likely to be discriminatory in any way for people with any of the protected characteristics?

The Equality Act 2010 includes nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sex. In addition to the above, the council also looks at socio-economic impacts. The Procurement Strategy 2020/27 sets out fundamentally an approach in line with corporate objectives 'towards a fairer Islington'.

The principles of procurement are to providers equally, without discrimination, acting in a transparent and proportionate manner (Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Regulation 18). However, the council can use its powers for the betterment of Islington, particularly considering social value relevant on a case-by-case basis. For example, in its commissioning the council is looking to achieve its priorities such as:

- to deliver an inclusive economy, supporting people into work and giving out young people the best possible start
- make Islington and welcoming and attractive borough and creating a healthier environment for us all

In doing so, the council will seek to achieve the public sector equality duty, requiring the:

- eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- advancing equality of opportunity
- fostering good relations

The Progressive Procurement Strategy 2020/27 is expected to support all protected characteristics and individual commissioning actions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics? Are there any opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics?

It is expected that opportunities will benefit all those with protected characteristics. Any specific opportunities would be considered on a case-by-case basis during the term of the strategy.

Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on good relations between communities with protected characteristics and the rest of the population in Islington? Are there any opportunities for fostering good relations?

As outlined, the Progressive Procurement Strategy 2020/27 sets out the general approach of the Council in regard to money spent with third parties. The strategy itself is derived from the council's overriding ambition to achieve a fairer Islington. Consequently there are not expected negative impacts on good relations between communities. However, should any arise during the term of the strategy, these would be considered and addressed on their merits within the reasonable actions of the council.

Is the proposal a strategic decision where inequalities associated with socio-economic disadvantage can be reduced?

The strategy has at its heart the consideration of making Islington a fairer place. Consequently actions which may be taken under the term of the Strategy may seek to address imbalances in socio-economic status of residents, service users and residents. Since the 2020 Fairness Commission identified the 'two Islingsons', the council has sought to address the balance between having some of the wealthiest in the country within the borough combined with the fourth highest rate of child poverty. It is expected the principles within this strategy for Community Wealth Building, Social Value, Inclusive Economy etc. will help harmonise some of those impacts.

4. Safeguarding and Human Rights impacts

a) Safeguarding risks and Human Rights breaches

**Please describe any safeguarding risks for children or vulnerable adults AND any potential human rights breaches that may occur as a result of the proposal?
Please refer to section 4.8 of the [guidance](#) for more information.**

There no direct safeguarding and human rights impacts anticipated from implementing the strategy.

If potential safeguarding and human rights risks are identified then **please contact equality@islington.gov.uk to discuss further:**

5. Action

How will you respond to the impacts that you have identified in sections 3 and 4, or address any gaps in data or information?

For more information on identifying actions that will limit the negative impact of the policy for protected groups see the [guidance](#).

Action	Responsible person or team	Deadline
Develop and implement an action plan for delivery of the Progressive Procurement Strategy 2020/27 with relevant stakeholder input.	Community Wealth Building	Initial version by end March 2021

Please send the completed RIA to equalites@islington.gov.uk and also make it publicly available online along with the relevant policy or service change.

This Resident Impact Assessment has been completed in accordance with the guidance and using appropriate evidence.

Staff member completing this form:

Signed: Peter James Horlock

Date: 03/09/2020

Head of Service or higher:

Signed: Stephen Biggs

Date: 03/09/2020