

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 26 SEPTEMBER 2014

Statement from: Councillor M J Hill OBE – Leader and Executive Councillor for Governance, Communications and Commissioning

Commissioning

The creation of the new Commissioning team is well underway, within the Information and Commissioning area, bringing together the skills across Procurement Lincolnshire, Performance & Programmes and the Lincolnshire Research Observatory to create a single team to support Lincolnshire County Council (and its partners) in all aspects of the commissioning cycle; analyse, plan, do, review.

The Commissioning unit will enable and support commissioning activity across the Council to ensure that commissioning activity is carried out in the most effective way to deliver benefits for all Council activities:

- Consistently making decisions based on evidence of needs and political priorities
- Working with partners to get the best results
- Focusing on outcomes for people and places
- Using the best means of delivering those outcomes, whether that is inside or outside the Council
- Holding all service providers to account with appropriate rigour.

The team have delivered commissioning training to staff and members and are currently supporting commissioning across the council including carers, ICES, CSF and AC residential placements.

Good progress is being made in delivering the FDSS programme to ensure the Council has continued services with improved efficiencies and reduced costs following the end of the Mouchel contract.

- The work with Serco to deliver service transformation ready for April 2015 is on schedule with the designs for the new Agresso and customer services systems completed on time and the build of these systems now well underway, working closely with the new case management programme (CMPP).
- The new Property supplier has been approved and the contract is close to completion.
- The Agreement has been signed with West Yorkshire Pension Service for the new shared pension service and planning for transition is making good progress.
- Following successful completion of the Accountancy and Property client insourcing good progress is now being made to prepare for the insourcing of the Health and Safety team from 1 April 2015.

The new contract management arrangements for such contracts will be put in place through the next stage of restructure taking place this year.

Procurement Lincolnshire (shared service)

Lincolnshire Category Analysis Tool, (LCAT) East Midland implementation

The LCAT tool project (used to identify and analyse supplier expenditure), has now been licensed to eight Authorities and a further 9 are enquiring about using it.

Savings

The shared procurement service delivered £7.3 million cashable savings for the partnership by the end of the financial year ended March 2014. The cumulative savings, calculated from when the shared service started in 2008 to date, total in the region of £26 million.

Staff

Three members of staff in the Procurement Lincolnshire Team have been trained by the Cabinet Office to deliver training about new EU Procurement Regulations to other public sector organisations in the East Midland region.