

SCHOOLS WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS TO BEST IMPROVE THE PURCHASING PRACTICES OF SCHOOLS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

The Schools Working Group based on their own experiences, responses to a questionnaire and an integration of SAP spend in schools have proposed the following recommendations as they believe it will enable them to procure more effectively.

	Recommendations
1	To work with Procurement Lincolnshire to consider how a dedicated procurement resource can be provided to schools. This will need to consider how this resource would be funded, for example a "gain share" basis.
2	A dedicated helpline for procurement advice and support.
3	A website detailing a list of contracts available for schools to use, the website could also contain a forum and supplier ratings.
4	Training in Procurement, particular to new School Business Managers.
5	Provide support in contract management including interpretation of terms and conditions.