

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8 September 2022

Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources - Priorities 2022

- Ensure the Financial Resilience of the Council to ensure that we can deliver services for Birmingham's citizens.
- Use the power of our procurement spend to:
 - increase the social value secured from our contracts, especially focussed on local employment, easing the cost-of-living crisis, tackling inequality and supporting community organisations & social enterprises.
 - extend the Real Living Wage to those in our city who still need the protection of a decent day's pay for their work.
- Ensure that we pay our suppliers on time recognising that the local economy is made up of 96% SMEs who are very reliant on cash.
- Build on our effective relationship with Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses to enhance opportunities for SMEs both in the winning of tender opportunities and in the supply chain for large value contracts.
- Embed the principles of Everyone's Battle, Everyone's Business into our commissioning and procurement strategies within and across the Council supply chain to support our on-going commitment to tackle the social and economic inequalities in our city.
- Continue to promote the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility to drive economic, environmental and social benefits for Birmingham businesses and citizens.
- Promote Fair Tax Accreditation to encourage companies to pay their fair share and we will promote businesses contracted by the Council that are matching pay parity with local government.
- Build on the Council's growing reputation in excellence for financial management by supporting the implementation of CIPFA recommendations to achieve 4 Star status.
- Ensure compliance with procurement governance across the Council through the implementation of the new Procurement and Contract Rules.
- Develop and implement a Commercial Strategy to guide the Council's commercial operations to commercial excellence and success.

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