

Introduction to the Council's Procurement Strategy 2021 -2025

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Context

- Approved late 2020 by;
 - CMT
 - Executive
 - Full Council



<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/6155/procurement-strategy-2021-2025.pdf>

Context

Our Council Plan 2021-2025



Better skills, more good jobs and a growing economy



Decent homes



Good start, great schools



Better health, better lives



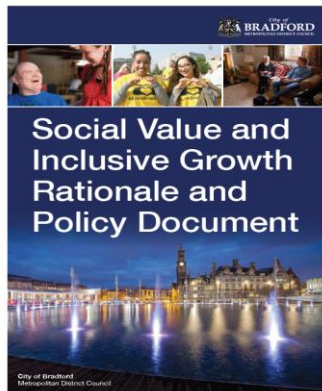
Safe, strong and active communities



A sustainable district



An enabling Council



Contract Standing Orders 2020/21

What's the Vision?

A procurement **function** that is ***respected and trusted by stakeholders both internally and externally*** and a **service** that will;

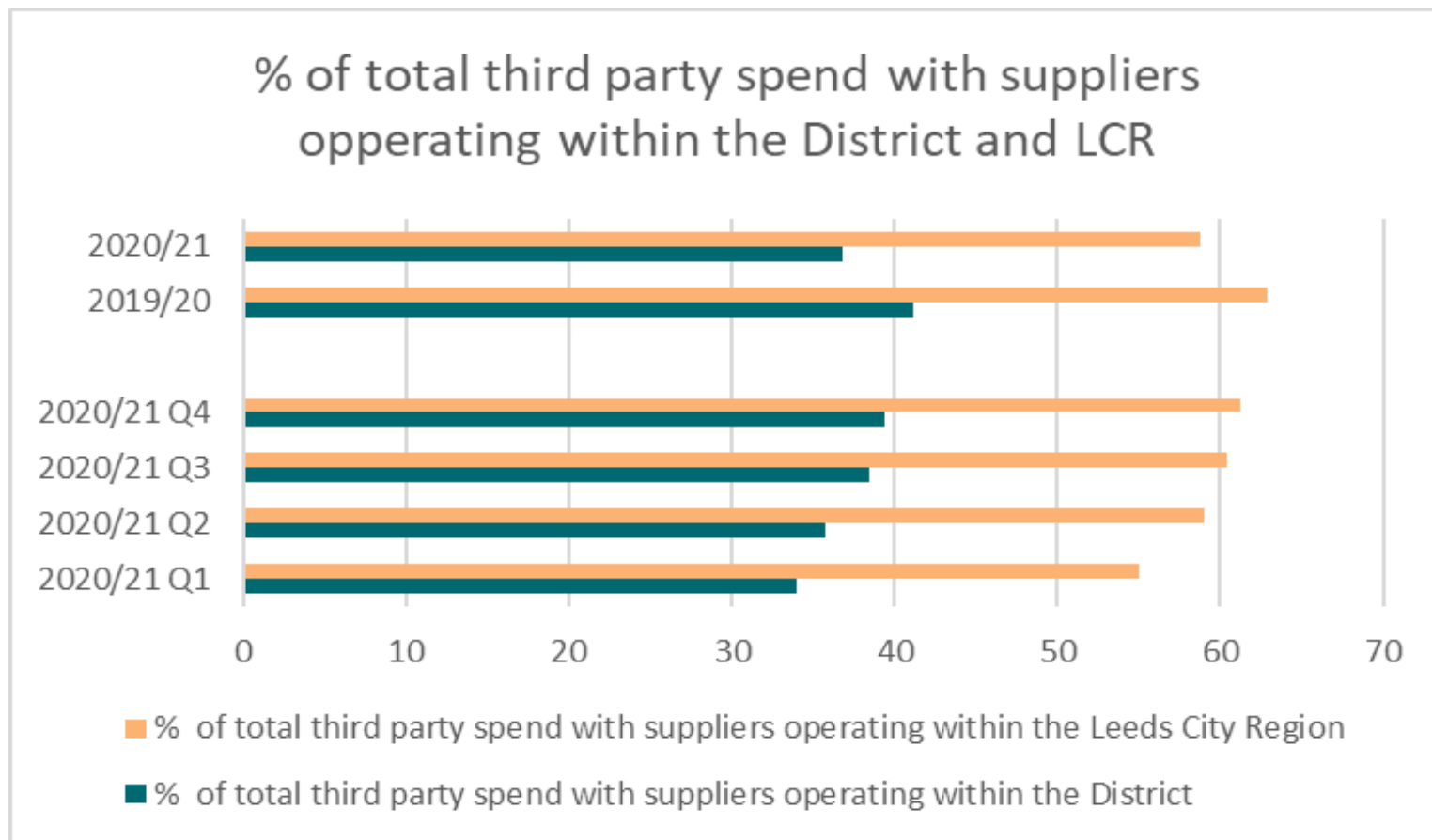
- *Support local businesses and work to enable the third sector in its activities and enable the local market, both large and small organisations, to feel able and willing to work with the Council*
- *Deliver tangible social value and inclusive growth to the benefit of the residents of the District specifically addressing climate and environmental issues*
- *Be an influencer in shaping procurement with public sector organisations within the District.*
- *Achieve value of money through procurement and contract management practice for the Council and the residents of the District*

What are the Deliverables?

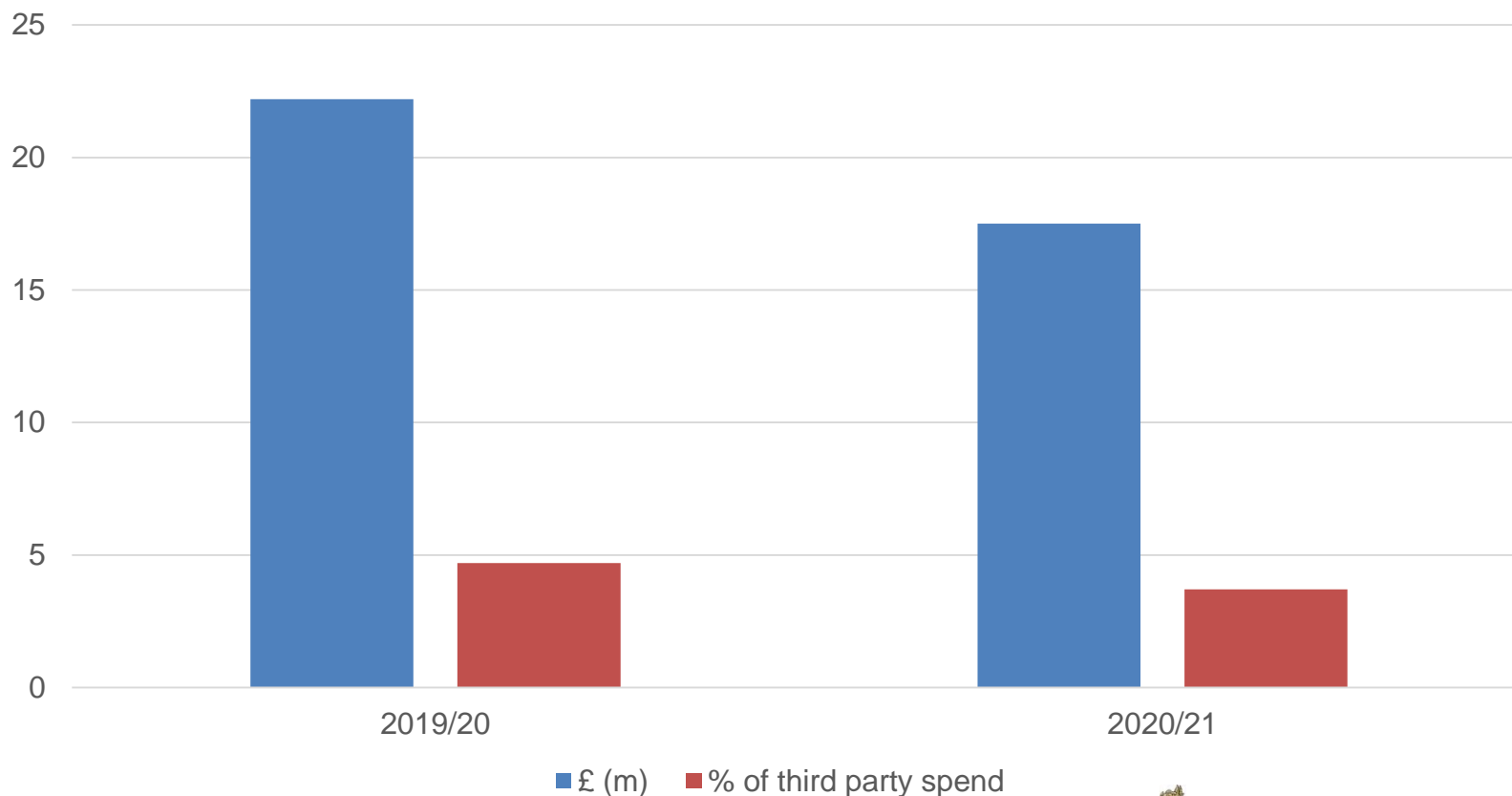
Five deliverables that every piece of procurement activity should align to at least one (if not all) ;

- Enhanced and Embedded Social Value and Inclusive Growth
- Good Governance
- Behaving Commercially
- Developing the Procurement Community
- Digitally Transforming our Procurement Processes.

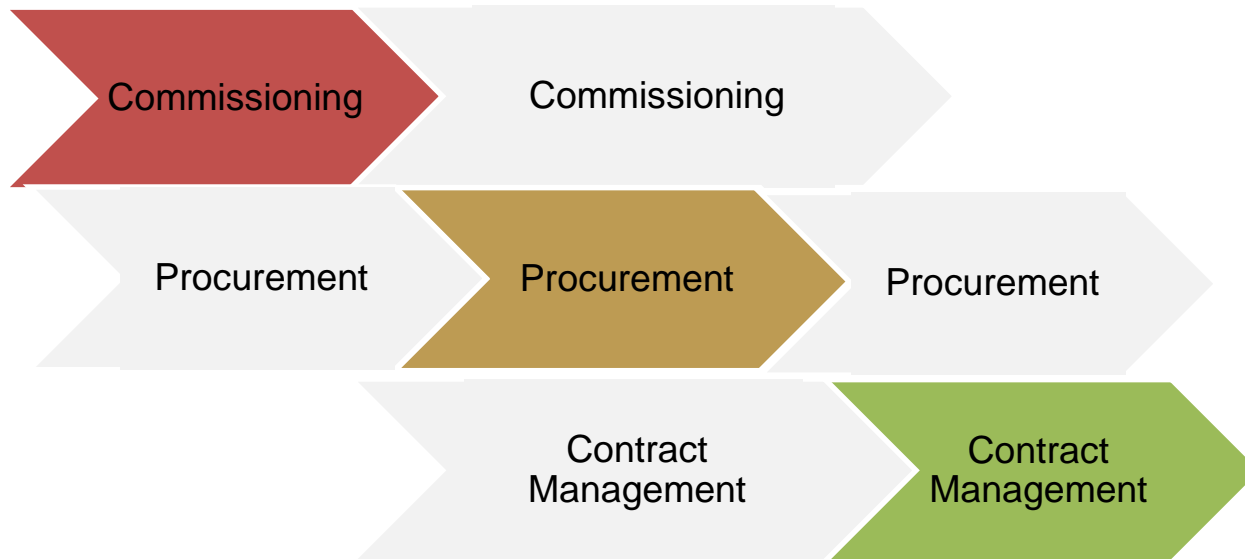
Measurable – ‘Local Spend’



Measurable – Local VCSE Spend



What should 'procurement' look like ?



Delivery – Phase 1 - Laying the Foundations



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Opportunities...

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OJEU/FTS Contract Notices

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Below Threshold Open Process

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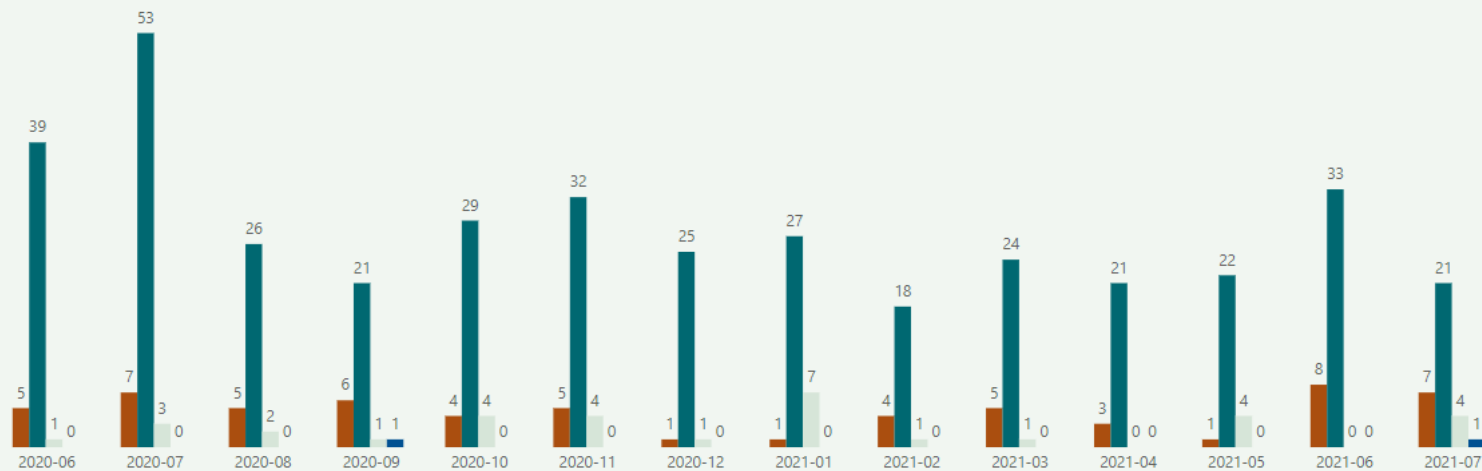
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Close Tenders



● Below Threshold Open Process ● Close Tenders ● OJEU/FTS Contract Notices ● OJEU/FTS VEAT Notices



Forward Planning...

Pipelines

- From April 2022 it will be a legal requirement for Contracting Authorities over a certain size to publish in advance 12 / 24 / 36 month 'procurement pipelines'
- Commitment from the Council to publish as much as possible above and beyond the legal requirement.

Market Engagement

- Has developed in the past two years. Still maturing as an organisation in how we engage with markets
- Cultural change takes time
- Guide produced in collaboration with Locality and the Keep it Local Group

Supportive Measures

VCSE Sustainability Support Process

- Organisations can submit formal requests to the Council for changes to contracts or grants to support ongoing sustainability.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/doing-business-with-bradford-council/sustainability-support-for-local-vcse-organisations/>

Social Value through Procurement

- Private sector CSR / SV investment in community projects when bidding on Council project

Keep It Local Network V2

- Continued discussion between sector representatives, procurement and commissioning staff

New e-Procurement System

- Proactis version of the YORtender system will be switched off from 31st December
- New system will be live from next month and we expect to start using this from 1st November 2021.
- You may have already received communication from the service provider
- We will be communicating, providing training to our suppliers next month.



☰ Current tender opportunities

🍪 Cookies

📅 Planned downtimes

📄 Accessibility Statement

📄 New supplier registration

Login

User name

Password

Log in

Forgot your password?

Welcome to the YORtender Portal

This website provides a suite of collaborative, web-based tools that enable procurement professionals and suppliers to conduct the strategic activities of the procurement lifecycle over the internet.

It provides a simple, secure and efficient means for managing tendering and quotation activities reducing the time and effort required for both buyers and suppliers.

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New Invoice Management System

- The new invoice management system (IMS) will automate and streamline our Accounts Payable processes by;
 - eliminating the source of processing bottlenecks and errors, ensuring prompt and accurate payments to suppliers.
 - Give visibility of the AP process with invoice tracking from receipt through to payment.
- Building towards a supplier portal and prompt payment programme

SME and VCSE Development Programme (Go4Growth)

Go4Growth works with smaller organisations and the VCSE to learn first-hand about the issues and barriers they face and aims to help them overcome these barriers through offering guidance, tools, templates, support and resources appropriate and relevant to each individual organisation.

The programme also collates data, looks for trends and patterns and feeds this evidence based intelligence into the public sector so that this can be reflected in future opportunities and approaches.

The Go4Growth programme is funded by Bradford Council and the support given to organisations is free. Covid19 has caused devastating effects on organisations in the District and we see the Go4Growth programme as being a key part of aiding recovery and building resilience for the future.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/doing-business-with-bradford-council/tender-ready-support-go4growth-programme/>

What does the future look like?



Increased planned activity



Increased proactive engagement



More opportunities



More accessible processes



Better equipped local market



More local spend.



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