

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION
CABINET**

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| ITEM: | PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2008 |
| Members Present: | Councillors: LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, PD Price, DB Wilcox. |
| Date of Decision: | 10 July 2008 |
| Exempt: | No |
| Confidential | No |
| Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution) | No |
| Purpose: | To seek approval for the updated Procurement Strategy. |
| Decision: | THAT: the updated Procurement Strategy be approved, subject to it being amended to reflect the Council’s policy commitment to supporting Fairtrade and local companies. |
| Reasons for the Decision: | Procurement is the process of acquiring goods, works and services from third parties. The process spans the whole of the purchasing cycle following identification of need from tendering through to the end of a service contract or the end of the useful life of an asset. It includes options appraisal and the critical make or buy decision. An appropriate strategy helps deliver this activity in an effective manner. |
| Options Considered: | There are no alternative options |
| Declaration of Interest: | |

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS : Date: 10 July 2008
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL