**Procurement Transformation Programme Communication**

Fife Councils Procurement Transformation Programme has now concluded. Procuring areas across the council have worked with the Programme to upskill our procurement workforce and identify £20.3m of Procurement Savings and Benefits with £11.8m delivered to date across the organisation. This outcome has been even more impressive due to the challenges of COVID19. Service willingness to see change and support the Programme has been and will continue to be key to success.

Pressure will continue to be placed on Council resources from external influences such as Brexit, raising inflation, consumer demand, UK economy and UK Government policy choices.

The improved procurement function has been built to help the Council deal with these future challenges when reforming services that seek new ways of working, implement new technologies and deliver upon Community Wealth Building and “Climate Fife” commitments.

The work must continue, and we urge all Directorates and Services to continue to engage with Council procuring areas in order to implement these key areas when undertaking procurement activity:

* **Apply a consistent and commercial approach to procurement activity** *to reduce 3rd party external spend (through improving processes, increase operational control and a more proactive contract management regime)*
* **Support Local Business SME and Third Sector through Progressive Procurement** *where Community Wealth Building and Climate Change adaptation are embedded into procurement process as key drivers for delivering an inclusive growth economy and reduced Co2 emissions within our purchasing decisions*
* **Continue to implement a demand management programme** *where procurement officers and other stakeholders provide a positive professional challenge on all aspects of service delivery*

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Further Procurement guidance can be found at - [Fife Council Procurement Service](http://fish.fife/fish/subjects/index.cfm?fuseaction=subject.display&subjectid=D015FD07-AF26-49CD-822C-DD4C968E59FA)