



Report To:	AUDIT PANEL
Date:	12 March 2024
Reporting Officer:	Elizabeth McKenna and Nichola Cooke
Subject:	STAR PROCUREMENT UPDATE – TAMESIDE COUNCIL
Report Summary:	The report located at Appendix 1 provides an update for Audit Panel on the performance of STAR including procurement activity for Tameside Council, compliance, and collaboration opportunities. The report outlines the work undertaken through the Collaborative Audit Group and details how STAR manages procurement risks. The report also details STAR's plans for further development.
Recommendations:	For Audit Panel to note the work of STAR Procurement, its performance and plans for further development.
Links to Corporate Plan:	Efficient and effective procurement supports the priorities within the Corporate Plan.
Policy Implications:	Effective procurement supports the policy objectives of the Council.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	Effective procurement helps ensure best use of Council's assets, ensure Value for Money and support good governance.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	<p>There are no immediate legal implications arising from this update report.</p> <p>STAR provides a critical support to ensure that procurement exercises are undertaken compliantly and also deliver best value for the council.</p> <p>Ongoing oversight of STAR ensures that performance is monitored and that all opportunities such as collaborations are explored particularly in the challenging economic climate.</p>
Risk Management:	Effective procurement minimises a range of risks, financial, legal, and reputational.
Access to Information:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Elizabeth McKenna, Assistant Director, STAR Procurement.

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