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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Verbal Update to Audit and Governance Committee**

**Date:** 27 September 2021

**Report of:** Head of Finance and Audit and the Head of Democratic Services

**Subject:** REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

#### **SUMMARY**

Officers have considered whether the current Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules (PCPRs) are meeting the Council's needs and have not identified any changes that are needed at this time.

The new Rules were launched in October 2018 following a major review of the council's purchasing approach. Members were provided with a presentation on the first-year review of how things were going in March 2020.

Officers are continuing to work with managers to embed the new processes and any issues arising are discussed regularly with the Section 151 Officer, to review the operational use of the procurement rules; agree any actions needed and to identify any necessary changes to the PCPRs.

A project is also being scoped to understand and support managers in effective contract management. Conclusions from this project may result in some future changes to the procurement rules.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Members are now invited to note the contents of the verbal update.