

**8A REFERRAL FROM FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE: 07 DECEMBER 2022
– ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT PROCUREMENT RULES**

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: That Council considers the proposed changes and recommends their adoption to Full Council.

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Audio Recording: 57 minutes 40 seconds

The Service Director – Resources presented the report entitled Annual Review of the Contract Procurement Rules and highlighted the following points:

- The review is fairly minor as the Council is expecting a Procurement Bill next year with potentially fundamental changes;
- The changes are detailed in section 8 of the report;
- The first change is that Procurement has moved back in to Resources;
- The other changes were made to tidy up the rules weren't as clear as they could be;
- Now that the Council has a full-time Procurement Officer the focus is on documents that sit behind the Procurement rules, to support Officers carrying out procurements.

Councillor Terry Tyler proposed and Councillor Phil Weeder seconded and, following a vote it was:

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NB: The report considered by Finance, Audit and Risk Committee at the meeting held on 7 December 2022 can be viewed here: [Agenda for Finance, Audit and Risk Committee on Wednesday, 7th December, 2022, 7.30 pm | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)