Report to: **Audit and Governance Committee**

Date of Meeting 28 July 2022

Document classification: Part A Public Document

Exemption applied: None

Review date for release N/A

Update to Contract Standing Orders

Report summary:

Linked to this document is an updated version of the Council's Contract Standing Orders for the Committee to consider and if in agreement to recommend adoption by Council.

Government is introducing new procurement legislation, Transforming Public Procurement /the Procurement Bill, but it is not expected to be in place until mid-2023. Contract Standing Orders will be amended to incorporate this legislation once enacted, but in the meantime an interim update is required to reflect the UK having left the EU and the transition period having ended.

The attached Contract Standing Orders has had reference to EU procedures and thresholds removed and references now to UK Public Procurement Thresholds and the requirement to follow these. Until new legislation is brought in these changes remain very similar and implications for services is not significant. Minor wording amendments have been made to the document and additional referencing included to support the monitoring of contracts once implemented.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget   Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework   Yes ☒ No ☐

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend to Council that the attached version of Contract Standing Orders is adopted

Reason for recommendation:

To keep the document in line with current legation and requirements

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply)**:**
☐ Climate Action and Emergency Response
☐ Coast, Country and Environment
☐ Council and Corporate Co-ordination
☐ Democracy, Transparency and Communications
☐ Economy and Assets
☒ Finance
☐ Strategic Planning
☐ Sustainable Homes and Communities

☐ Tourism, Sports, Leisure and Culture

Equalities impact Low Impact

No significant change to current practices

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information Contract Standing Orders for adoption July 2022

Link to Council Plan

Priorities (check which apply)

☐ Better homes and communities for all
☐ A greener East Devon
☐ A resilient economy

Financial implications:

 No financial implications identified

Legal implications:

 The legal issues are covered in the report.