

CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION	PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
Proposed Decision Maker <i>(please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)</i>	Date for Decision	
Portfolio Holder Councillor Kam Kaur	10 March 2021	
Title: Consultation on the governments Green Paper on Procurement Reform		
<p>Summary of matter</p> <p>The Government published its Green Paper on Procurement Reform on 15 December 2020. Responses are to be returned by 10 March 2021. Those proposals are wide ranging and detailed and have required significant</p> <p>As a result of the pandemic response and recovery work, it has taken longer to produce a proposed Council response than would usually be the case. That response is now complete and requires approval of the relevant Portfolio Holder before it can be submitted.</p> <p>It has not been possible to meet the timetables for publication due to the deadline for submission of the response.</p> <p>The proposals seek to simplify the current procurement regime with the rationalisation of procurement routes and greater transparency at the heart of the proposed reforms. Warwickshire County Council supports any proposals that will make procurement processes simpler to follow, less bureaucratic and make it easier to find innovative solutions. We welcome any measures that help deliver better and more efficient procurement that safeguards public value for money.</p> <p>In summary, we believe a number of the proposals will help to achieve these aims although for some we would need to see more details before coming to a final view. There are some proposals (as noted below) which we feel may work against these aims and these are flagged in our response. We have also indicated where we consider that the proposals do not take account of the differing roles of tiers of local government and the statutory duties that come with them.</p> <p>In particular we suggest that there needs to be some consideration given to the timing and scale of any changes, taking into account the current circumstances that we all are facing; coming out of a pandemic, facing increasing financial pressure and limits on our resources. Some of the proposals are well intentioned but likely to result in significant increase in resource pressures within local government.</p> <p>We have indicated that we would welcome the opportunity to further comment on revised detailed proposals following the outcome of the consultation before any new legislation is drafted, as these reforms will have a significant impact on how we procure moving forward.</p>		

Proposed Decision

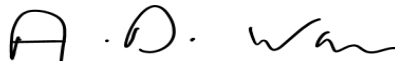
That Warwickshire County Council submits the response to the Green Paper on Procurement Reform attached

Reasons for urgency

Deadline for Response is 10 March 2020. As a significant change to the procurement landscape it is important to ensure we engage and provide our views, but the ability to respond has been constrained by other commitments and the effects of Covid response and recovery along with other work around EU exit and ongoing procurement activity,

Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? *[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]*

No

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)**Name****Councillor:****Office Held****Date consent is given**