BLACKPOOL COUNCIL SUPPLIER CHARTER

1.0 Matter for consideration

1.1 <u>The Supplier Charter</u>

The purpose of the Supplier Charter is to set up some guiding principles which Blackpool Council will adhere to and to which it invites its contracted suppliers and the wider business community, including the Health and Wellbeing Board, to adopt.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To review the Council's Supplier Charter and to promote its adoption by contracted suppliers for Public Health and the wider business community.

3.0 Information

3.1 The Council is a major purchaser within the local economic environment, spending around £100m per year. on external supplies and services.

The Public Health supplies and services budget is around £15.8m in budget year 2013/2014.

- 3.2 The Charter sets out a number of principles (detailed below) and requests its contracted suppliers to commit to demonstrating good practice against those principles:
 - Local employment
 - Local supply chains
 - Good employer
 - Green and sustainable
 - Best practice processes

Charter signatories will consider how they can make a positive contribution to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of people in Blackpool in accordance with the Social Value Act 2012.

- 3.3 The most pertinent considerations in the Charter to bring to the attention of the Health and Wellbeing board are highlighted below:
 - Creating local employment and training and supporting people into work.
 - Seeking opportunities to equip young people with the right skills to match the requirements of the labour market.
 - Ensure that employees are given a fair reward and help foster a loyal

and motivated workforce.

- Provide a safe and hygienic working environment
- Adopt the National Living Wage as a minimum and encourage subcontractors to do the same.
- Be a good neighbour, minimise negative local impacts (e.g. noise, air quality) and improve green areas.
- Reduce adverse impacts on the environment through the suppliers supply chain.
- Work to the highest standards of business integrity and ethical conduct.

4.0 Financial considerations

4.1 None

5.0 Legal considerations

5.1 This Charter is a statement of intent of the Council's commitment to suppliers and the expectations the Council has of current and potential suppliers, it does not hold any legal status. Contracted suppliers will however be asked to sign the Charter at the point of contract award.

Relevant officer:

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Appendices attached:

Appendix 7a Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information: N/A

Glossary: None