

AGENDA ITEM NO: 14

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Regeneration & Resources

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Subject: Procurement Policy – Request by Councillor C McEleny

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a request received from Councillor C McEleny in the following terms:

"This committee notes that the Scottish Government has declared a climate emergency and that there is enhanced awareness of public bodies' role in creating a better future environment. Committee notes that when contracts are awarded to companies outwith Inverclyde it is logical to assume that this results in a greater carbon footprint being created as a result of Council Contract Awards than would be the case if the work was awarded to locally based companies and workers.

Committee requests that a report is brought back to the next Policy and Resources Committee that advises on the following:

- Measures the Council can take that better include environmental impacts as a result of the Council's Procurement Policy e.g. Environmental weighting.
- Measures that can result in more locally based SME's and Inverciyde workers being successful in being awarded Council Contracts, a measure that will both be good for the environment due to the reduction in CO2 emissions, and good for the local economy through the support of, and creation of, local jobs."

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the request from Councillor C McEleny.

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