MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL PROCUREMENT POLICY

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Policy Aim

The aim of this policy is to provide guidance to Milborne St Andrew Parish Council on procurement, based on the Procurement Act 2023 and should be read along side the Milborne St Andrew Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

Policy Objective

The objective is to ensure that future procurement is in line with the guidance set out

in the Procurement Act 2023.

Policy

1. Transparency

   To ensure openness at every stage of the cycle.

2. Value for Money

   This remains a core objective, ensuring we get the best possible deal for the Milborne St Andrew precept payer.

3. Acting with Integrity

   The Act emphasises transparency and fairness throughout the procurement process. "Have regard" to barriers to SME participation… Proportionate to the nature, complexity, and cost of the contract.

4. Treating Suppliers Fairly

   All suppliers must be treated equally unless there is a justified reason not to.

5. Maximizing Public Benefit

   The need to consider the broader social and economic impact of procurement decisions. This includes localism.

The National Procurement Policy Statement (NPPS)

The Procurement Act 2023 aims to create a simpler and more transparent regime for public sector procurement that will deliver better value for money and reduce costs for business and the public sector. The NPPS is an essential element of the new regime. It is a statutory statement which allows the Government to set and communicate the wider policy objectives to which it expects public procurement to contribute. The NPPS is provided for at section 13 of the Procurement Act. Contracting authorities are required to have regard to the policy objectives contained within the NPPS that are current at the time they are carrying out a procurement.