

Responsible Procurement across the GLA Group

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Background to Responsible Procurement



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The GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy

In December 2006 the GLA Group Sustainable Procurement Policy was launched. The policy was re-branded to “Responsible Procurement” in February 2008. Sustainability is often understood to refer only to environmental issues. “Responsible Procurement” communicates the importance of both social and environmental objectives in ensuring best value in procurement across the GLA Group.

- The policy aims to ensure procurement that supports wider social, economic and environmental objectives in ways that offer real long-term benefits to London.
- In May 2008 a new Mayor was elected and in July 2008 the deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes became the new RP Champion.
- On 26th November the Mayor Launched his new vision for Equality and Diversity – “Equal Life Chances for All, including outlining how Responsible Procurement can deliver equality and diversity outcomes.



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Transport for London



Working together for a safer London

Diverse range
of operational
services

Group spend
of over £3 bn

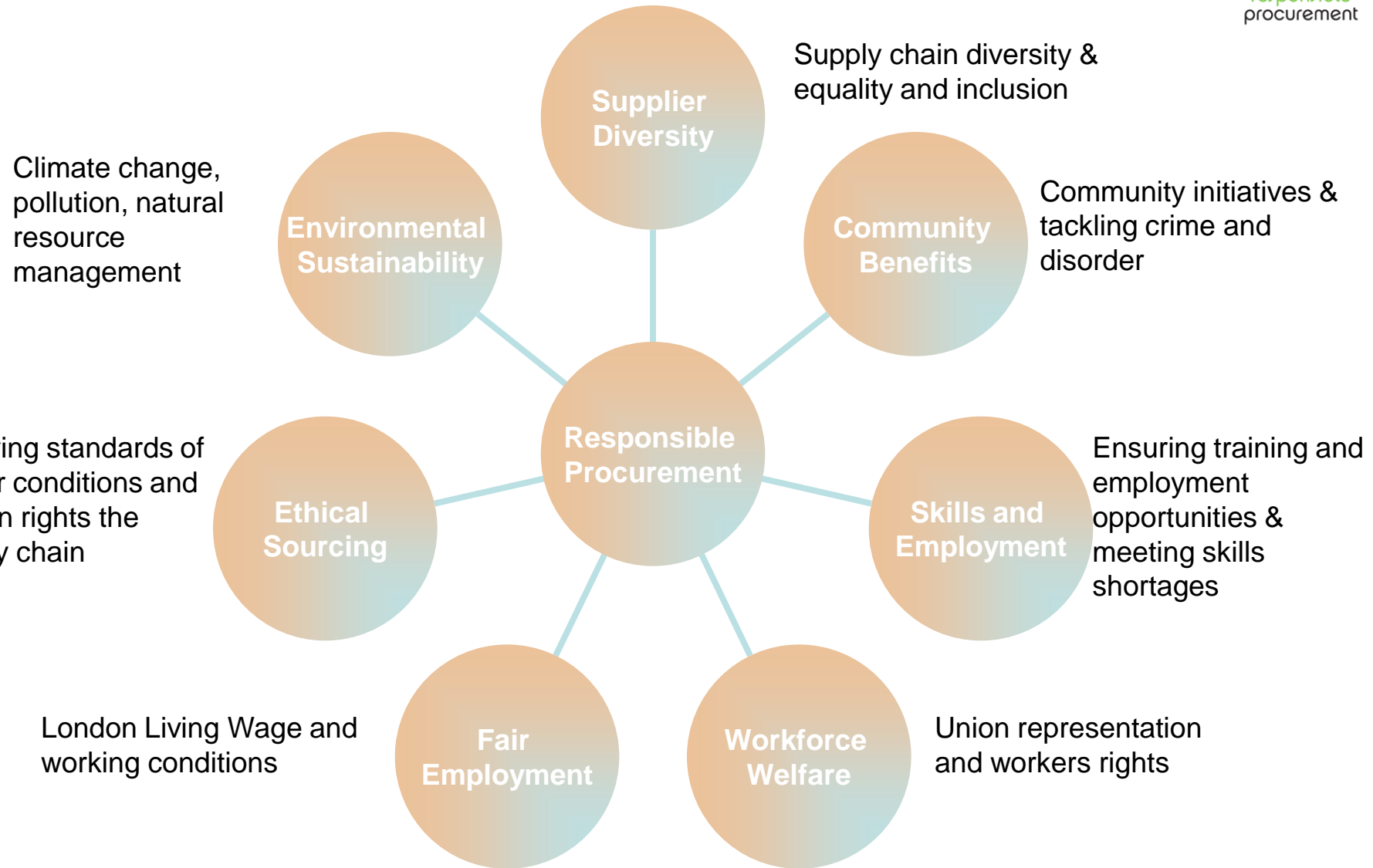
Over 200
procurement
agents

Trade with
around 27,000
suppliers each
year

GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy



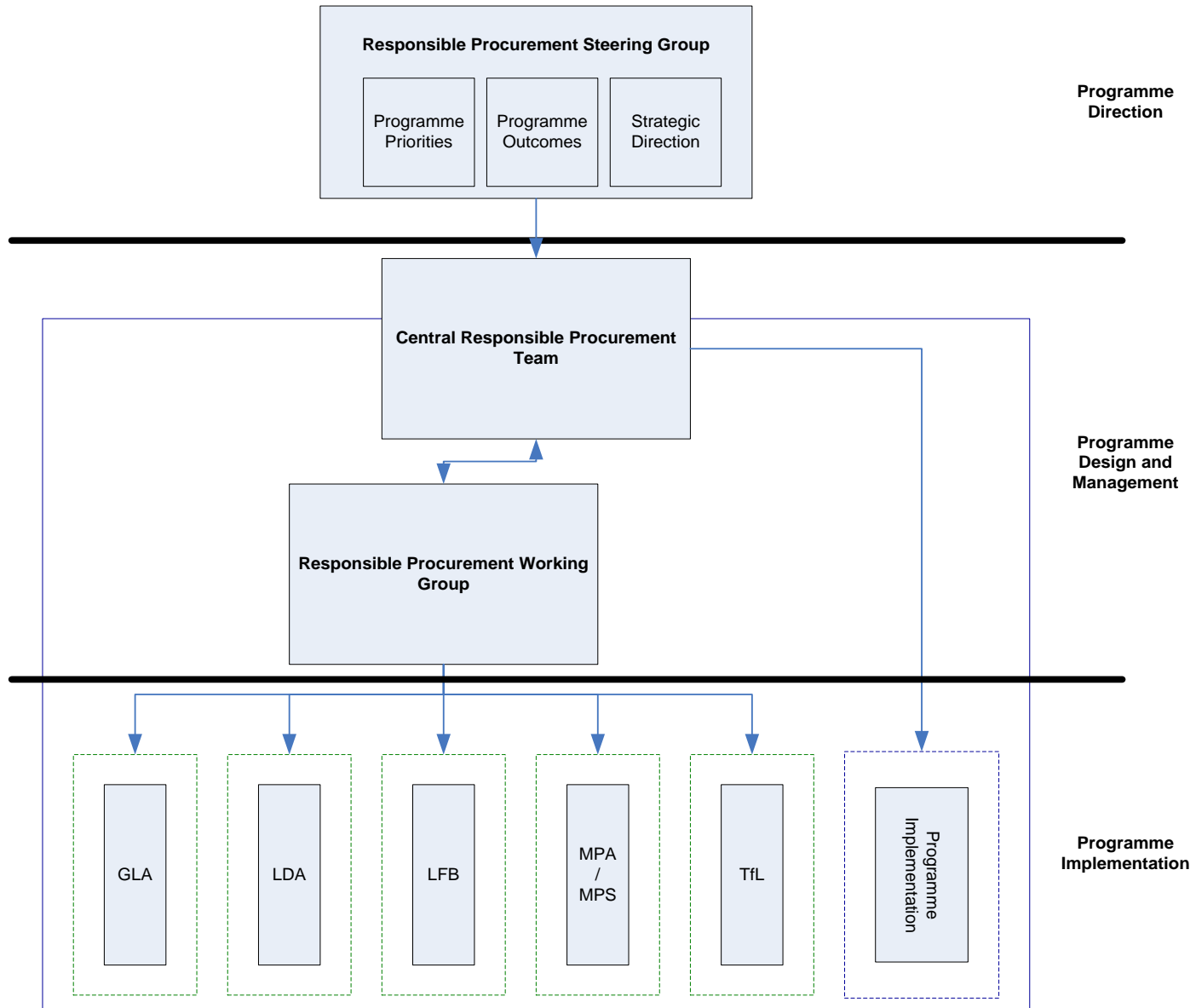
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Summary of Implementation Responsibilities



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New Responsible Procurement Vision



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“Pioneering socially, environmentally and economically responsible procurement to deliver improved quality of life and better value for money for our people, our businesses and our city”



Responsible Procurement Vision



Working in partnership across London;

Our People – To provide sustained employment opportunities and improve standards of living for all Londoners

Our Businesses – To open up opportunities for London's businesses and encourage improved practices with our suppliers

Our City – To promote greater environmental sustainability and make London a better place to live and work.

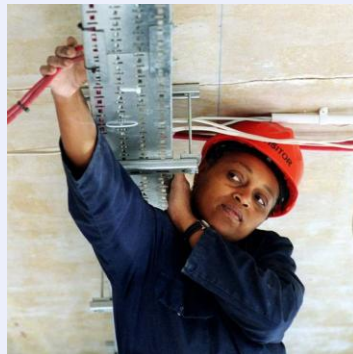
Our People



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We will provide opportunities for sustained employment and improve standards of living for all Londoner's and particularly poorer and socially excluded citizens through working with our suppliers to:

- Champion fair employment practices city wide, including paying the London Living Wage
- Support employment opportunities and training provisions to give Londoners the skills they need and businesses want.



Our Businesses



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We will open up opportunities for all London's businesses and encourage improved practices with our suppliers through encouraging the use of LDA support programme and improving GLA group procurement processes to:

- Ensure a common approach to procurement which is both open and transparent
- Help businesses, particularly small ones, get fit to compete and win contracts with the GLA group and across London
- Encourage improved practices with our suppliers including promoting equal life chances for all

Our City



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We will promote greater environmental sustainability and make London a better place to live and work in partnership with key public and private sector bodies across the capital to:

- Make sure our procurement is low carbon, resource efficient and environmentally responsible
- Lead on responsible procurement, locally, nationally and in Europe
- Influence the public and private sector through sharing best responsible procurement practice and procedures



Our People Deliverables



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- We will develop the London Living Wage Policy and promote across London's economy.
- We will improve the quality of life of Londoners by paying the London Living Wage in GLA group contracts and their supply chains.
- We will encourage contractors to provide work placement and apprentice opportunities for young people and fully utilise LDA and Learning and Skills Council support programmes.



Our Business Deliverables



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- We will simplify our procurement process and improve access to GLA group contract opportunities by using CompeteFor



www.competefor.com

- We will promote the use of Diversity Works for London toolkit and support programme to GLA group suppliers



www.diversityworksforlondon.com

Diversity Works
for London

- We will promote the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange to GLA group suppliers



Supplier Ethical Data Exchange

www.sedex.org.uk

- We will promote the Mayor of London's Green Procurement Code to GLA group suppliers



www.greenprocurementcode.co.uk

Our City Deliverables



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- Achieve Gold Standard of the MoLGPC for the GLA group by November 2010
- Achieve level 5 of the flexible framework for the GLA group by November 2011
- LDA will lead nationally on Equality and Inclusion for RDA's
- LDA will lead nationally on CompeteFor for RDA's
- MPS will lead nationally on RP for the Association of Chief Police Officers
- LFB will lead nationally on RP for the Association of Procurement Practitioners in the Fire Service
- GLA group will continue to be involved and promote the Procura+ programme with other UK authorities
- The GLA will create opportunities for engagement with London RIEP and LCSG
- We will develop RP training course with CIPS and make available to London Boroughs

More Information



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The Mayor's vision

The Mayor's vision is for London to be an exemplary, sustainable, world city. This theme is based upon three interlocking themes:

- strong and diverse economic growth
- social inclusivity to allow all Londoners to share in London's future success
- fundamental improvements in environmental management and use of resources

In performing its principal purposes the GLA must have regard for the principle that there should be equality of opportunity for all people.

The Mayor sees procurement as a key tool to take forward the delivery of these principal purposes and the GLA group will lead by example in using procurement as a mechanism for achieving this vision.

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Case studies

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Case studies

[Case study 18 - Highways Maintenance Contract](#)

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