

# CATALYSING SUPPLIER DIVERSITY IN GREATER MANCHESTER

THE LEVELLING UP ALLIANCE

# **ABOUT ME**

Managing Director of the Black United Representation Network (BURN), the UK North's leading award-winning business hub for support Black Professionals and Black Founders/ Business Owners-which exists to tackle racial inequalities in Greater Manchester though inclusive boards, inclusive procurement and leadership coaching.

Global Supply Chain Professional (manufacturing), father of four, international leadership coach, textile graduate, inclusive procurement champion. Advocate for neurodiversity.

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Public procurement is where public sector bodies (*Buyers*) orders, commissions or enters into a contract for *Goods, Works* and/or *Services* with external organisations (*Suppliers*)
- Public procurement covers the whole process from specifying the need, collecting bids, selecting Suppliers, awarding contracts, managing contracts and, in some cases, disposing of the asset
- In 2019/20 the public sector spent approximately £284 billion buying Goods, Works and/or Services
- By 2022 the government's intention is that a third of this money (£94 billion) is spent with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Greater Manchester Combined Authorities (GMCA) spent almost £8 billion last year buying *Goods, Works* and/or *Services*



2021 Analysis of UK Government Strategic Suppliers (tussell.com)



#### WHY INCLUSIVE PROCUREMENT MATTERS

- Sustainability (3 year contracts enables SMEs to plan, and secure investment)
- Business Growth
- Create well-paid jobs

## 3 APPROACHES

- Consortium The Blair Project as part of the Green Employment and Skills Partnership
- Direct Tender BURN success in Executive Development Programme
- Partner with a larger organisation MIAH and Growth Company (EV Skills Bootcamp)

### **BURN PILOT PROGRAMME**

- Access to grant funding to support a trailblazer group of social enterprises to build their capacity to meet quality assurance criteria
- Help them secure social investment to be able to supply larger public contracts.

Link to EDP programme – burncic.org/edp

Contact: <u>info@burncic.org</u> if you'd like to participate



# Thank you for participating

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