

Procurement Board

Communiqué

At Procurement Board on the 24 September 2014, the focus of the meeting was to learn about developments in spend analysis with a presentation from Bravo, updates on the e-procurement service (eps), update on the National Procurement Service (NPS), there was also a presentation on Community Benefits.

- As responsibility and ownership for Procurement Board had now transferred to the Minister for Finance, Will Godfrey and Kerry Stephens had recently met with the Minister to discuss the renewed focus of the Board. Following Procurement Board the Minister would be writing to Board members individually to arrange a meeting to discuss their role on the Board and sector specific issues.
- The Board were advised that the Finance Minister will attend the next meeting of the Board on 1st December.
- Andrew Heywood from Bravo provided the Board with an overview of Bravo spend analysis console and the functionality of the system. The policy team were currently working on the spend data for 2012/2013 and had written to organisations for 2013/2014 with a degree of varied responses from the public sector. The team were currently working with the data from Welsh Government, Local Government, Police, NHS and some HE institutions. Bravo demonstrated how to drill down into the detail in the system to highlight how much was spent by a particular organisation in a category or how much was spent with a particular customer. Board members noted the benefits of the system and heard that the NPS had been using this daily to inform their category strategies.
- The Board were presented with a sample dashboard that had been created to monitor adoption of the Wales Procurement Policy Statement (WPPS). The Board suggested a number of adaptations in terms of contextualising the data but recognised that this was a good start and wished for this to be developed further.
- eProcurement Service now has a renewed focus on driving up use of the e-procurement tools. A senior stakeholder event is planned for 29 September to provide further detail on the service and wider communications were planned for October.
- The National Procurement Service were finalising their last round of recruitment with four vacancies to fill. Two opt-outs had been received and presented to the NPS Delivery Group on 9 September which provided the first opportunity to critique the process. The Chair had asked for the NPS Business Plan to be presented to the NPS Board on 8 October.
- The Board were presented with progress against the 2013/2014 Procurement workplan. This would now be uploaded to the website to reflect the final status against the projects. The 2014/2015 plan was also reviewed and the Board felt there should be further discussion about this at the next meeting and queried how much influence Procurement Board had over some of the deliverables.

Next meeting:

- 1st December 2014: 12.30pm – 2pm