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Background

- Constructing Excellence “No Turning Back Report” October 2010 - The case for a renewed emphasis on Best Value and Collaborative Working in Public Sector Construction Procurement.
- “Construction Strategy Steering Group” to deliver new strategy; Cross sector representatives including Local Government, HE/FE, Regional construction Fora, CEW, WLGA, CECA, Representatives, Consultants, Welsh Government, Housing Assoc. & NHS.
- Public Sector has also been responding to the required changes, albeit not necessarily consistently and the Steering Group has tried to draw together these respective initiatives and views into a single place and try and reach a consensus as to the most appropriate way forward.



Background Cont....

- Draft strategy issued, various consultation events and Strategy completed formally launched in July 2013.
- Ensure that procurement policy adoption covers all aspects of the construction sector, including contactors, suppliers and consultants.
- Develop a culture of simplicity, consistency and proportionality in the procurement process.



CEW “No Turning Back” Recommendations

- Clarity must be provided over Public Sector capital programme spend;
- Standardisation of procurement in the Public Sector across Wales;
- Commit to and implement a new Procurement Strategy for Construction;
- Adopt a best practice approach to payment;
- Undertake a review of capacity and capability in Public Sector procurement in Wales;
- Strengthen the link between capital investment and sustainable benefits for Wales’ local communities.

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Progress to date

- Collation and publication of the first all encompassing Local Authority works capital programme for 2012/13, continuing for 2013/14 and align with the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan (WIIP). Further explored on today's agenda
- Adoption and increased use of standardised pre-qualification via SQulD with sign up from all 22 Local Authorities via the Local Government compact, NHS Wales and a range of Education institutions;
- Agreement of Welsh Fair payment clauses to embed suitable payment provisions throughout the supply chain to improve reliability and timeliness of contractor and sub-contractor payments;



Progress to date Cont....

- Completion and agreement to adopt the Welsh Government (WG) Community Benefits approach and measurement tool for all projects over £2m;
- Commencement and completion of programme of procurement capability assessments across Public Sector organisations and subsequent training plan;
- Development and issue of a Commitment Charter covering both “client side” and “industry” commitments to set out clearly what is expected from each respective party. A number of formal signs up already received although needs further responses



Progress to Date Cont....

- Increased collaboration across the Welsh Public Sector including improved consistency of approach through application of regional frameworks;
- Embedding the use of SQuID, Community Benefits and Fair Payment provisions as part of future major projects delivered through WG grant funding;
- Maximising tier 1 and sub-contract opportunities being advertised via www.sell2wales.co.uk currently on target.



Progress to Date Cont....

- Promote the Fair Payment principles via the Commitment Charter, Community Benefits, and subsequently as a core criterion in SQuID.
- A number of pilot projects identified for the trialling of Project Bank Accounts
- Delivered a range of Community Benefits training courses through 2013.



Key next steps/Further Work

- Survey issued and responses being analysed to determine current cost and quality weighting in practice and develop future policy guidance
- Develop in conjunction with CWG transparent decision making guidance for procurement decisions linking into national, regional local procurement choices
- Link any actions and developments to take account of opportunities presented by the new EU Procurement Directives.



Next Steps cont....

- Alignment with the UK and WG Building Information Modelling (BIM) strategy.
- Arrange attendance at various fora, seminars etc. to extend visibility and engagement to deliver on the action plan.
- Analyse outcomes from adoption of Community Benefits approach and measurement tool to determine proportion of supply-chain business secured by indigenous contractors and SME's.



Next Steps cont....

- Anticipate 12 months to 18 months for all actions with continued emphasis on quick wins.
- Monitoring of Action Plan via the Steering Group with additional members invited or seconded where necessary to deal with each activity. Input from Stakeholders critical.
- Some delays but very much Work In Progress and need to continue to develop joined up approach, both as Public Sector and Industry.

