

## **Frequently Asked Questions: Procurement Reform Stakeholder Engagement Events - Public Sector**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
When can we expect to be sent the survey? It's a tight turn around.	You should now have received the survey. If you have not yet received it, please contact <a href="mailto:ProcurementReformTeam@gov.wales">ProcurementReformTeam@gov.wales</a>
Is there to be a standard agreed new classification for 'OJEU' procurement activity (i.e. above thresholds) - will they be referred to as perhaps GPA / PCR thresholds? Standardisation is important to ensure consistency etc.	There is no standard agreed classification but it is generally referred to as 'above procurement threshold'.
Are you also able to add a slide at the end with the key links to the documents you refer to in the presentation?	All links referred to within the presentation should be available in the following Welsh Procurement Policy Note: <a href="https://gov.wales/wppn-0420-procurement-reform-and-common-framework-public-procurement.html">https://gov.wales/wppn-0420-procurement-reform-and-common-framework-public-procurement.html</a>
How does the Procurement Reform tie in with the Common Framework or would it lead to complete separation?	Decisions regarding procurement reform as well as any other policy and legislative matters will need to be managed between the four Governments via the Common Framework for public procurement.
Are we aware what the intentions are of the Scottish Government as why they are doing their own?	Like Welsh Government, we understand that Scottish Government and the Northern Ireland Executive are considering how procurement legislation aligns to their respective policy ambitions and priorities.
Are we in danger of over-complicating the Public Procurement Process for UK small & medium businesses if we diverge from a UK wide approach?	We would look to manage any differences with the other Governments to minimise the impact, for example by using technology. Please let us know if there are specific concerns you have when responding to the survey.
Will we be 'throwing out' all of the templates for prequalification/social value etc if we accept the government proposals?	If this is something that is important to you, please respond to the UKG's Green Paper questions and tell us when you respond to our survey.
Is WG's default position to align with all UK administrations so that we do not end up with 4 differing processes?	We are currently engaging with stakeholders to help inform Welsh Ministers who will make a formal decision on a way forward for procurement reform in Wales in March 2021. It is too early to identify any specific concerns or benefits until stakeholder feedback has been gathered and analysed.

Is there a way to coordinate a response via somewhere like WLGA?	You are welcome to submit a survey response individually or as a collective. You could engage within your specific sectors, to see if you can agree a lead to co-ordinate a response.
Will you be sharing the feedback and views you receive in respect of the regulations on your website?	Under UK GDPR the Welsh Government will not be sharing the feedback we receive. However, the Welsh Ministers will make a formal decision on a way forward for procurement reform in Wales in March 2021 once stakeholder feedback has been gathered and analysed.
Will WG be providing funding to support the implementation of new legislation?	Guidance and training will be made available on the implementation of any new legislation.
Struggling to see what the difference is between current DPS process and the new proposed DPS+, are you able to clarify what the differences are between the two?	A DPS is currently only available for commonly used goods and services that are generally available on the market. The key difference of the UK Government's proposal regarding DPS+ is that it could be used for all types of procurement, not just common goods and services.
Will WG join the central database of supplier registration for the UK or have a separate one for Wales? How will this then feed into e-procurement vision going forward?	This will depend on the formal decision made by Welsh Ministers in March 2021 on a way forward for procurement reform in Wales.
Is there any intention to reform the SQuID as part of the reform proposals?	If this is something that is important to you, please respond to the UKG's Green Paper questions and tell us when you respond to our survey.
Will there be further sessions for specific procurement organisations e.g. NWSSP, NPS etc	All published events have now been held. However a live recording of the presentation, along with a copy of the slides are available on the Sell2Wales site <a href="#">Sell2Wales</a> .

### **Frequently Asked Questions: Procurement Reform Stakeholder Engagement Events - Private Sector**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
If the Welsh Government ends up doing something different to the UKG (or other administrations), how will that impact upon businesses in Wales?	We would look to manage any differences with the other Governments to minimise the impact, for example by using technology. However, we accept that differences in legislation across the UK could adversely impact on suppliers.
Will the DPS be open to suppliers across the world?	If the tender opportunity is above the procurement threshold then a DPS (if included in future legislation as a

<p>Welsh manufacturers should be actively encourage through a price advantage at tender stage, to help the economy and sustainability.</p>	<p>commercial tool) would be open to suppliers in countries who are members of the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) and with whom the UK has a Free Trade Agreement.</p>
<p>Can you elaborate on the definition of social value in the WPPS please - I'm involved with food suppliers, will this extend to provenance, traceability etc.</p>	<p>Social Value' is a broad term used to describe the social, environmental and economic impacts of actions taken by communities, organisations, governments and individuals (as defined in Social Value for Commercial Success eLearning, <a href="#">Government Commercial College</a>, 2020).</p>
<p>We are currently reviewing utilising the TOM's Themes Outcomes &amp; measures for the Social Value Portal going forward - will this replace the Future Generation Act?</p>	<p>No, they are different things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act sets out legal obligations on public bodies in Wales to maximise their contribution to each of the wellbeing goals detailed in the Act.</li> <li>• The Welsh TOMS are a series of quantifiable measures that can map wider social value arising from a financial commitment (e.g. Procurement through contracts or frameworks and/or through public funding via grant funding etc.). The Welsh TOMs are fully aligned with the Well Being of Future Generations goals and provide a suite of national indicators and measures. They will provide a quantifiable measurement of outcomes mapped to the Well-being Goals.</li> </ul>
<p>How will the Senedd election in May effect the decision on procurement reform in Wales?</p>	<p>Welsh Ministers will make a formal decision in early March on the way forward for procurement reform in Wales. Hence this decision will not be affected by the Senedd election.</p>
<p>Will there be an opportunity for suppliers to save their qualification questionnaires in one place?</p>	<p>We would look to manage any differences with the other Governments to minimise the impact, for example by using technology; such as Sell2Wales and Find the Tender Service (FTS). If this is something that is important to you, please respond to the UKG's Green Paper questions and tell us when you respond to our survey.</p>
<p>Does the Welsh Government intend to respond to the UK government's green paper?</p>	<p>No but we encourage you to respond to the UKG's Green Paper proposals directly. Please copy your response to <a href="mailto:ProcurementReformTeam@gov.wales">ProcurementReformTeam@gov.wales</a> if you respond to UKG. We will use this information to help inform the way forward for procurement reform in Wales.</p>
<p>Are there timescales within which Ministers plan to</p>	<p>If Welsh Ministers introduce Welsh legislation, it is likely that implementation would take place after 2024.</p>

implement procurement reform in Wales?	
How far are Welsh Ministers prepared to go with developing a new procurement regime for Wales?	A formal decision will be made as to whether Welsh Ministers legislate for procurement in Wales in March 2021. If Welsh Ministers do decide to legislate in this area, then more detailed engagement and consultation will take place to understand how stakeholders want procurement reform taken forward.