

Procurement Task and Finish Group : Ways of Working

The Committee agreed to amend the terms of reference in order to incorporate contracts under the procurement thresholds set by EU Directives. The following amended terms of reference were agreed:

- How effectively are the current procurement Regulations working in Wales, both from a supplier/contractor and purchasing authority perspective?
- How would the proposed changes to the relevant EU Directives impact upon public procurement in Wales, including the following issues:
 - SME (including social enterprise) involvement in public procurement;
 - The use of public procurement to advance other (e.g. social and environmental) policy objectives;
 - The complexity and flexibility of existing procurement rules;
 - Value for money for the purchasing authority?
- How should the EU procurement Directives and the implementing regulations and codes of practice in Wales be modernised to meet the needs of Welsh suppliers/contractors and purchasing authorities? In particular how should regulations and/or guidance be re-framed for contracts falling below the procurement thresholds set by EU Directives?