



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

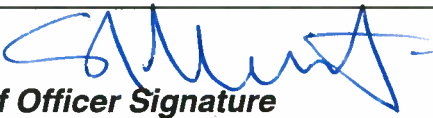
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

SUBJECT: Welsh Purchasing Consortium

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To seek approval for continued funding for the Welsh Purchasing Consortium up until March, 2016.

DELEGATED DECISION (Date): June, 2013

- Membership of the Welsh Purchasing Consortium to be extended to the 31st March, 2016 at a maximum annual contribution of £13,500.


Chief Officer Signature

STEVE MARRITT
Print Name

13/6/13
Date

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

JUNE, 2013

REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES

Author: Vince Hanly, Service Director for Procurement

WELSH PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider the continued funding for the Welsh Purchasing Consortium (WPC) up until March 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Membership of the WPC be extended to the 31st March, 2016 at a maximum annual contribution of £13,500.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will recall my report in respect of the Welsh Government intention to establish a National Procurement Service where the Council gave support for its establishment subject to local arrangements
- 3.2 The National Procurement Service would be developed to provide a strategic vehicle responsible for buying 'Once for Wales' the common or repetitive supplies and services across all of the public sector with the overall aim of providing aggregated efficiencies and additional added value
- 3.3 This would manage approximately 15 to 20% of the most common or repetitive spend and promised savings of between £9.2m and £24.6m based on the leveraging of our collective spend, standardisation of specifications and processes and managing demand of the requirements
- 3.4 Some of the intended categories' to be transferred to the NPS once established are currently undertaken through collaborative arrangement established through the Welsh Purchasing Consortium but some responsibilities even inside of the NPS categories still remain within the responsibility of the Welsh Purchasing Consortium

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- 6.1 The WPC continues to provide a very valuable procurement service on behalf of the Council and the other Council and associate members.
- 6.2 The uncertainty around timescale and the details of the contracts to be let by the NPS are not sufficiently developed to provide Council members with an option appraisal for these services going forward.
- 6.3 A full review including the intended operating model is required in order for Members to appreciate the intended focus of any new Welsh Purchasing consortium and whether this will in future be an All Wales collaboration or to continue in a similar(to existing) or enhanced role for member authorities.