

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016-2017**

**PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY,
COMMUNITIES & PROSPERITY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

5TH SEPTEMBER 2016

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 5

**EXECUTIVE RESPONSE – NUMBER OF
LOCAL BUSINESSES SUBMITTING
BIDS/TENDERS FOR COUNCIL
CONTRACTS**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of the response received from the Executive to the findings and recommendations of the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee whole committee short review into the 'Number of local businesses submitting bids/tenders for Council contracts'

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:-
- 2.2 Receive and acknowledge the response from the Executive to the recommendations submitted by this Committee following its whole committee short review into the 'Number of local businesses submitting bids/tenders for Council contracts'

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The report of the Committee's review into the 'Number of local businesses submitting bids/tenders for Council contracts' was agreed by Committee at its meeting on the 4th July 2016 and subsequently passed to the Executive for consideration.
- 3.2 The Scrutiny report was formally considered by Cabinet at the meeting held on the 19th July 2016 when the following recommendation was agreed:-
- (a)The reporting timescale for this Key Performance Indicator (LPRO107 % of bids/tenders submitted by local businesses) is revised to an annual reporting frequency (rather than quarterly) which will reflect a more meaningful end of year aggregation

3.3 The response of the Executive to Committee's recommendation is attached as Appendix 1.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Item: Response of the Executive

Minute 10 Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee 4th July 2016

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Councillor Geraint Davies
Chair of Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

Date/Dyddiad: 5th August 2016

Dear Councillor Davies,

As Cabinet Member for Corporate Services may I thank you and your Committee for the review that you undertook into the number of Local Businesses submitting bids / tenders for Council Contracts.

Although new to this Cabinet position, the procurement processes of the Council and the need to support local business are an area that I am familiar with from my previous role as Chairman of the Corporate Services/Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee. I was pleased to read the comments of the local business community that you engaged with when conducting your review, especially the comments in relation to RCT comparing favourably with other Local Authorities in its procurement practices and that the businesses confirmed that the tendering process within RCT is clear, user friendly and that the Corporate Procurement unit responds to the specific needs of the local suppliers. This illustrates the evident professionalism with which the unit conducts its work and I would like to thank officers for the high standards they set.

I agree that the reporting of the Key Performance Indicator as it currently stands can look misleading and agree with your recommendation that this KPI is reported on an annual basis to reflect a more meaningful end of year aggregation. Although this is an important indicator for us as a Council to target performance against it is important that such targets are meaningful and do not illustrate a performance which is misleading.



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Following discussions with the relevant officers and acceptance of the Committee's recommendation, reporting of this KPU will now be amended from a Quarterly reporting basis to an Annual reporting basis beginning with the current Financial Year 2016/17.

Yours Sincerely,

Councillor Mark Norris
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
Y Cynghorydd Mark Norris
Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol