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# Construction Procurement Strategy and Wales' Procurement Policy


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# Wales Procurement Policy

- Wales Procurement Policy Statement


<http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2012/welshprocurement/?lang=en>

- Procurement Fitness Checks
  - Payment on Time (Project Bank Accounts)
  - Community Benefits
  - EU Procurement Directives
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# Procurement Fitness Checks

- Assessment against Procurement Maturity Model
  - All local authorities completed reviews
  - NHS, HE and FE commencing from March
  - Recommendations and action plan
  - Some emerging themes
  - Access to support vital
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# Project Bank Accounts

- What?
    - Ring fenced bank account with trust status from which payments are made directly and simultaneously by a client to members of his supply chain
  - Why?
    - There is a payment problem.
  - When?
    - Early pilots identified, procurement policy to be published by Spring
  - Who?
    - Welsh public sector
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# Community Benefits

- Programme for Government, LG Compact, Tackling Poverty, WPPS, Construction Procurement Strategy
- Applied across 80 projects in excess of £4.3bn
- Embedded in all major frameworks
- Measurement is critical (and a requirement!)
  - 27 completed projects measured – 84% of £346m re-invested in Wales, some 517 disadvantaged people were helped into employment, receiving over 13,020 weeks of training.

# EU Procurement Directives (1)

- Two year exercise to modernise
  - Adopted by EU Parliament January 2014
  - Awaiting adoption by European Council
  - UK plans rapid transposition
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# EU Procurement Directives (2)

- Significant changes
  - reserved contracts
  - restricting number of lots
  - scope for negotiation
  - inclusion of social and environmental considerations
  - capping turnover requirements
  - past performance
  - abnormally low bids
  - require use of e-procurement
  - flexible use of selection and award criteria

Thank you for listening....any questions?

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