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Construction Procurement North Wales (CPNW): Update Paper September 2012

- **Introduction**

- The CPNW project is set up as a collaborative project with the 6 North Wales authorities led by Flintshire and Denbighshire County Councils.

- **AIM:** To provide a simple, easy to use and transparent process to manage and deliver the schools construction programmes collaboratively in North Wales.

The primary objective is to create a new bespoke procurement vehicle by Summer 2013, tendered via the OJEU process, which allows the participating local authorities to instruct construction activities. That provides a lean and efficient process that is cost effective and delivers a project (building) that is fit for purpose.

- **Project Summary**

The project is currently in consultation stages and has engaged with officers across the 6 authorities, and Chief Executives Officers. A Procurement Options Report was considered by the Chief Executives Forum North Wales, on 13.9.12. Following Welsh Governments clarification that a framework approach is favoured and required to access the 21st Century Schools Programme funding, the CEO's supported the officer recommendation to progress to the next stage in the process; which is to seek consultation of key stakeholders on the proposal to develop a high value framework (over £4.35m) and develop a regional standardised approach to procure projects below this level. The next step is to consult with the Construction industry and key stakeholders to inform the approach and assist with the development of the Procurement Plan, which will set out the detail of how the approach will be delivered, implemented and managed.

- **Strategy for engagement with the Construction Industry**

Construction industry will be consulted the help and assistance of Value Wales and Constructing Excellence Wales and Construction Skills, it is anticipated that this will be carried out via a questionnaire and workshops open to the whole construction industry.

A date for the workshop will be issued in due course with a questionnaire being issued in advance of the workshop so as to inform the workshops. The feedback from the industry will be used to inform the Procurement Plan.

- **Key Project Milestones**

<u>Process</u>	<u>Date</u>
Develop the Procurement options paper and report to the CEO NW Forum- Discussion of approaches and consideration of officer recommendations	13.9.2012
Consultation with the Construction industry Questionnaire and Workshop Discussion with the NW Regional Leadership Board	October/ November 2012
Develop the Procurement Plan for preferred approach	November 2012
Consultation/ Briefing with 6 authorities relevant Cabinet members	November 2012

Update the North Wales Ambitions Board Update ADEW Update NW Regional Leadership Board	
Take the Procurement Plan to the CEO NW Forum for approval/support for the project to proceed for democratic consideration by Cabinets	30.11.12
Take Procurement Plan to respective Cabinets for democratic consideration/approval	January 2013
Publish the OJEU Notice	January 2013

• **Glossary**

Term	Definition
CEO NW Forum	Chief Executive Officer North Wales Forum: Group convened by Welsh Local Government Association, forum meeting of the 6 North Wales authorities Chief Executives.
OJEU Process	OJEU - the Official Journal of the European Union. This is the publication in which all tenders from the public sector which are valued above a certain financial threshold according to EU legislation must be published.
ADEW	The Association of Directors of Education in Wales (ADEW) is the professional group of local authority officers accountable for statutory education functions in each of the Local Authorities in Wales.
Regional North Wales Ambitions Board	A new regional body to offer clear guidance to develop the North Wales economy. Vehicle for closer collaboration in economic development across all of the North Wales's 6 local authorities.
North Wales Regional Leadership Board	<p>The North Wales Regional Leadership Board (NWLPRB) is made up of the Leaders and Chief Executives of the six North Wales Councils plus the lay and executive leaders of the other key public service bodies in the region: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conwy County Borough Council • Denbighshire County Council • Gwynedd Council • Isle of Anglesey County Council • Flintshire County Council • Wrexham County Borough Council • The Chair and Chief Executive of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, • The Chair and Chief Executive of the North Wales Police Authority, • The Chief Constable of the North Wales Police and • The Chair and Chief Fire Officer of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.