

## **Business Scheme annual report**

### **1. Introduction**

### **2. Activity/Engagement**

The Welsh Government has continued to work with the UK Government on the implementation of the Enterprise Act 2016 and improvements to the primary authority scheme. The workforce aspects of the Enterprise Act 2016 (exit payments clawback and restriction) have been raised with (public sector) social partners through the WPC. The WPC and its sub groups and associated social partnership arrangements have operated during 2016-17 considering a range of significant issues including the Code of Practice on Ethical Employment in Supply Chains.

### **3. Consultation**

As part of our engagement in developing proposals for Local Government Reform, we arranged a specific workshop discussion with social partners, including a range of business representatives.

Trade Union representatives also joined workshop events held across Wales with senior leaders in Local Government and the wider public service to discuss proposals for mandatory and systematic regional working in December 2016.

We have engaged extensively with business organisations in developing targeted relief schemes following the revaluation of non-domestic properties for rating purposes and in reviewing the small business rates relief scheme.

### **4. Future activity**

The current structures and arrangements for social partnership in the public sector workforce are being reviewed with partners with a view to new arrangements being in place for March 2018.