

Procurement Reform – Benefits to Contracting Authorities



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Procurement reform will bring together current procurement rules to create a single public procurement regime, simplifying the system, opening up public procurement to new entrants and embedding transparency.

Alongside the Procurement (UK) Bill, the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act will require Welsh contracting authorities to carry out socially responsible public procurement to achieve economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being outcomes.

The new legislation requires Contracting Authorities to have regard to the Wales Procurement Policy Statement and to better align commercial activity to well-being objectives. This means that procurement should become a more strategic function within the organisations and deliver national and local policy ambitions.



The legislation will provide continuity, consistency and coherence for Welsh contracting authorities and businesses who undertake cross-border business with England.



The increased flexibility will offer greater opportunities for innovative approaches to procurement by contracting authorities, and innovation from suppliers in their bids.



Awarding contracts on the basis of 'most advantageous tender' will encourage contracting authorities to pay greater attention to well-being outcomes.



A new exclusions framework will be implemented, making it easier for contracting authorities to exclude suppliers who have underperformed on other contracts, with a 'debarment register' listing companies that should be excluded.



The new legislation requires increased attention to improving contract management, particularly in major construction and outsourcing services contracts. This should ensure that ethical practices are enforced, and wider benefits are realised.



Embedding environmental considerations will contribute to the Net Zero goal and significantly reduce waste and cost through re-using, re-purposing, reducing landfill use and reducing transportation.



More opportunities for local suppliers will benefit businesses and individuals, which in turn will improve the wellbeing of your area.



Increased transparency, annual reports and published procurement pipelines will provide contracting authorities with data to collaborate better and drive value for money.

