



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



Wales Procurement Policy Statement

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Ministerial Foreword

The consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic are truly profound for our economy, our society, and our communities. With this backdrop, together with the continued uncertainty of the long term impacts of the UK's departure from the EU, we must ensure public sector expenditure delivers even greater value in contributing to positive social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes. Effective, sustainable procurement, and the successful delivery of works, goods and services we all rely on, has never been more important.

Public procurement can play a central role in the delivery of progressive policy priorities ranging from decarbonisation, to social value, fair work, and community benefits, the Circular Economy and the Foundational Economy. These policies help to combat climate change, support jobs and training while helping the most vulnerable.

Delivery on these ambitions is reliant upon a procurement profession with the skills and capacity needed to make our goals a reality. I am proud of the progress we are making together to upskill the profession and increase training opportunities.

The Wales Procurement Policy Statement (WPPS) sets the strategic vision for public sector procurement in Wales. It will help to define our progress against the well-being goals we are pursuing for future generations putting the Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 at the heart of all procurement decisions supporting us to achieve the 'Wales we want'. We all have a responsibility to ensure we are preventing problems and thinking about the long-term, while maximising opportunities to deliver economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being.

The key to delivery of this WPPS will be through continued collaborative working. We will review and refresh the WPPS regularly with partners to ensure that it remains a true reflection of our shared ambition of public procurement in Wales. We aim to achieve greater transparency on outcomes.

Welsh Government will develop an action plan to underpin delivery against the Statement's principles which will be published on our website. I ask buying organisations, either individually or as part of a collaboration, to develop and publish their own action plans detailing how they will support the delivery of priorities at a local, regional and national level. The proposed Social Partnerships Bill statutory guidance will take into account this Statement and associated action plans, placing contracting authorities under a duty to deliver socially-responsible outcomes through procurement. This places fair work and social value at the centre rather than being solely focused on achieving financial savings.

I hope that you will welcome this Statement and work with us to make our shared vision a reality.



Rebecca Evans.

Rebecca Evans MS
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Procurement Policy in Wales

The purpose of this document is to set the strategic direction for public sector procurement in Wales.

The vision is:

“Welsh public sector procurement is a powerful lever with ability to affect sustained change to achieve social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes for the well-being of Wales”

The Wales Procurement Policy Statement Principles

The Welsh public sector will follow ten principles for procuring well-being for Wales based on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act Goals and key Welsh Government policies:

1. We will leverage **collaborative** procurement activity in Wales to maximise **long-term** sustainable social and economic value outcomes from public spend
2. We will **integrate** procurement into the heart of Welsh policy development and implementation
3. We will progress **long-term** sustainable procurement, which builds on and scales best practice and sets clear steps that show how procurement is supporting the delivery of organisational well-being objectives
4. We will raise the **long-term** standing and profile of the procurement profession and its role as an enabler for procurement policy
5. We will support Welsh Government policy objectives relating to progressive procurement, such as the Foundational and Circular Economy, through **collaborative**, place-based (whether national, regional or local) procurement activity which nurtures resilient local supply chains
6. We will act to **prevent** climate change by prioritising carbon reduction and zero emissions through more responsible and sustainable procurement to deliver our ambition for a net zero public sector Wales by 2030
7. We will align our ways of working and increase stakeholder **involvement** to support innovative and sustainable solutions through procurement
8. We will **collaborate** with stakeholders to promote equal opportunities and fair work in Wales
9. We will improve the **integration** and user experience of our digital solutions and applications, maximising the use of our procurement data to support decision making
10. We will promote value-based procurement which delivers optimum **long-term** outcomes for Wales.