



CAERPHILLY HOMES TASK GROUP – 10TH DECEMBER 2015

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT UPDATE REPORT

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & S151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Caerphilly Housing Task Group with an update on the procurement programme which is currently in place to support the delivery of the WHQS programme.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The report details the number of Procurements undertaken since the start of the WHQS Programme in October 2012. This includes details of all Mini Competitions and Small Lots.

2.2 The report gives a summary of the number of local companies benefiting as a result of the procurements to date.

2.3 Provides details of arrangements which are currently out to market as part of new procurement opportunities.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) is intended to ensure that all Local Authority and Housing Association Homes are improved and maintained to achieve specified standards. It is a Welsh Government requirement that the WHQS is achieved by 2020.

3.2 The Single Integrated Plan 2013-2017 has a priority to “improve standards of housing and communities, giving appropriate access to services across the County Borough”.

3.3 The Council’s Local Housing Strategy “People, Property, and Places” has the following aims:

“To provide good quality, well managed houses in communities where people want to live, and offer people housing choices which meet their needs and aspirations.”

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The schedule of completed WHQS Procurements is attached in appendix **A**. To date 184 Contracts, Frameworks, Mini Competitions and Small Lots have been successfully awarded. In the region of 26 Contracts, Frameworks, Mini Competitions and Small Lots are currently in progress as per appendix **B**.

- 4.2 A key feature of the Procurement Strategy for delivery of the programme has been development of the Local Supply Base. To date, 60 Local Companies have successfully won work on the WHQS programme.
- 4.3 The main area of SME Development has been on the DLO Sub Contractor Framework and the Small Lots Programme. To date the procurement team have run 161 Mini Competitions from the DLO sub contractor framework with 29 local companies winning work.
- 1 4 Small Lots have been awarded to local companies as set out within the procurement strategy whereby all contractors must have a base within Caerphilly County Borough.
- 4.4 The programme of work has been very challenging for the supply base however the authority has taken every possible opportunity to support local providers. A recent success was the adoption of the WG Joint bidding policy which resulted in the first consortia in Wales which had adopted the policy and using the WG guide winning WHQS External Works within Caerphilly County Borough. Details of the success from both Caerphilly Procurement Team and the Consortia can be found using the following links:

Caerphilly Procurement Team: <https://youtu.be/nTOfARhF1Dg>

Consortia Supplier: <https://youtu.be/VgPXnz2AiL0>

5. EQUALITIES

- 5.1 This is an information report therefore there are no potential equality implications and no requirement to complete the Equalities Impact Questionnaire.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are no personnel implications contained within the report.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place; all comments are reflected within the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the content of the report be noted.

9. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The report is for information only.

10. STATUTORY POWER

- 10.1 Housing Acts 1985, 1996, 2004.

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Appendices:

Appendix A	Contracts Awarded to Date
Appendix B	Contracts in Progress