

**Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
Next steps for public procurement policy and implementation**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 26th April 2024

*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Damien Robertson, Deputy Director, Commercial Strategy, Policy and Capability, Group Commercial Directorate, Department for Transport
- 9.05 **The Procurement Act - key priorities for implementation**
Lindsay Maguire, Deputy Director, Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 **Assessing the potential impact of the new procurement legislation**
navigating the new application process / addressing concerns over resources for the preparation period / interpretation of definitions / use of increased flexibility / support for stakeholders / resolving tension between cost and sustainability
Paul Wright, Owner, PAWA Consulting
Rebecca Rees, Head of Public Procurement and Partner, Trowers & Hamlin
Peter Schofield, Head of Integrated Commissioning and Procurement, Manchester City Council
Sarah Ottaway, Sustainability and Social Value Lead, Suez
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Damien Robertson, Deputy Director, Commercial Strategy, Policy and Capability, Group Commercial Directorate, Department for Transport
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Coyne, Director, Commercial and Procurement, Welsh Government
- 11.00 **Encouraging competition and opening up procurement to SMEs**
reducing barriers / supporting innovative solutions / priorities for digitisation and streamlining / increasing transparency and public confidence
Heather Buchanan, Chief Executive Officer, Bankers for Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **The role of public procurement in supporting national policy priorities**
creating jobs / enhancing supplier resilience / fostering innovation / assisting in levelling up / helping pandemic recovery / supporting the transition to net zero
Michelle McCann, Chief Sustainability and Innovation Officer, NHS London Procurement Partnership
Heather Cover-Kus, Head of Central Government Programme, techUK
Andrew de Whalley, Senior Manager, Deloitte
Kieran McGaughey, National Lead, Procurement Law, Lawyers in Local Government
Anthony Kirby, Chief Executive Officer, Serco
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'How to mitigate bid-rigging risk'**
Richard Brown, Assistant Director, Cartels Enforcement Team, CMA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
John Coyne, Director, Commercial and Procurement, Welsh Government
Amy Wassif, Westminster Business Forum