

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee**

**19 May 2016**

### **Report of the Chairperson of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee**

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

#### **Response from the National Procurement Service**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee with the response from the National Procurement Service to the questions submitted regarding the breakdown and explanation of the savings that Neath Port Talbot Council have achieved to date. For the Committee to agree on how to proceed.

#### **Background**

2. The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee received information on the National Procurement Service at a meeting on 7 January 2016. It was noted that the National Procurement Service had identified that by using the frameworks put in place, Neath Port Talbot Council had realised almost £80k of cash savings for the 2014/15 financial year. Officers had requested a breakdown on this from the National Procurement Service but the breakdown had not been received. It was agreed by Members of the Committee that the Chairperson wrote to invite the Director of the Service to attend the

meeting of the Committee on 31 March 2016. This would enable them to have provided a breakdown and explanation of the savings that Neath Port Talbot have achieved to date, what could be expected to save in the future and how it would be reported back to the Council.

3. Unfortunately the Director of the National Procurement Service was unable to attend the meeting of the Committee on that date. Instead the Committee was invited to submit written questions. The Committee agreed questions to be sent to the Service and the letter and questions are attached at Appendix One.
4. A response was received to the questions from the National Procurement Service on 22 April 2016 and is attached at Appendix Two.
5. The next steps for the Committee is to decide if they are satisfied with the information that they have received and whether any further action is required.

### **Financial Impact**

6. There are no financial implications within this report. However, there are wider financial implications in the results of the work undertaken by the National Procurement Service.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

7. There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

### **Workforce Impacts**

8. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

### **Legal Impacts**

9. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

### **Risk Management**

10. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

## **Consultation**

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendations**

12. To establish if the Members of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee are satisfied with the response received from the National Procurement Service to the letter and questions submitted by the Committee.
13. If the Committee are dissatisfied with the information received, then for Members to agree how to proceed.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

14. To ensure that the enquiries undertaken by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee into the National Procurement Service are brought to a conclusion.

## **Implementation of Decision**

15. Immediate implementation.

## **Appendices**

16. Appendix One - Letter and questions submitted to the National Procurement Service.
17. Appendix Two - Response from the National Procurement Service.

## **List of Background Papers**

18. Corporate Procurement Update - 7 January 2016.

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