

Scotland Excel

To: Chief Executive Officers Management Group

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**Report
by
Director Scotland Excel**

Directors Update Report

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide the group with an update on key developments within Scotland Excel since the last meeting of the Chief Executive Officers Management Group on 20 February 2017.

2. Summary

Since the group last met there have been a number of new developments

2.1. LGDT update

Scotland Excel continues to work closely with the Chief Digital Officer to ensure alignment with the LGDT Board, and to provide procurement support as appropriate. In conjunction with the CDO, a procurement lead has been recruited on a fixed term basis from July, funded by the Digital Office. In addition, Scotland Excel participated in the partnership forum led by the CDO, and will continue to support the relevant work streams that have emerged from this.

2.2. SG funded project – Social care/Housing

Housing

The housing programme funded by Scottish Government has made good progress. A number of associations have had initial visits and have been well received. Official programme launch notification to the associations was delayed by Scottish Government and was sent on the 17th May.

The new housing team has been recruited and is engaged with the sector. A number of sector events have been attended and presentations made by the senior Scotland Excel team.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that there are significant financial, capability and sustainability opportunities in the sector.

Social Care

As also previously reported, Scotland Excel has begun working on a project funded by the Scottish Government focussing on adult supported living and care at home. Early indications are that there are a small number of providers with a major share of the Scottish market, and the immediate work will focus on providing guidance, templates and checklists to encourage innovative, sustainable local services.

A project initiation advice has been issued to Chief Executives/Chief Officers requesting nomination of a contact lead to ensure that the work progresses with as broad collaboration as possible.

2.3. Recruitment process

Scotland Excel ran a careers event on the 7th March in Glasgow with over 100 prospective candidates attending the event.

In total we recruited 12 new people into the organisation. This was to fulfil opportunities within a number of areas including the two Scottish Government projects, the new small value team and other outstanding vacancies. In addition to this there were a number of successful internal candidates which resulted in additional changes.

2.4. Contracts approved at March Exec Sub

There were four contracts approved at the final Executive Sub Committee meeting before the local elections, 2 of which were new and 2 were renewals. The combined initial spend forecast is around £75m, generating estimated savings of £2m where benchmark data is available. This is based on an initial annual spend of £50m on Energy Efficiency Contractors, which is anticipated to grow to an annual value of up to £200m.

2.5. General update

New Associate Members

There have been two new associate members since the last CEOMG.

- Blue Triangle Housing Association
- City Property Glasgow Ltd

PCIP Status

- In 2016 we completed 16 PCIPs with an average score of 65%.
- There has been 8 PCIPs completed in 2017.
- As of 30th May 2017 there are 8 further PCIPs to be completed.
- The average score for the sector this year is currently 63%.

- For all PCIPs undertaken in 2016 the lowest score is 44% and the highest score is 84%.

2.6. Local Elections – New Elected Members

We have been working with Renfrewshire committee services and with other local authorities to identify the leaders and joint committee members. Once identified, I am writing to the leader and Joint Committee member welcoming them on behalf of Scotland Excel. It is our intention to visit as many of the members as possible prior to the Joint Committee meeting.