

Scotland Excel

To: Chief Executive Officers Management Group

On: 26 February 2018

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 6th November 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.

The procurement of a replacement for the SEEMIS system is almost complete, with best and final offers due on 16 February, and the new contract is scheduled to start in April 2018.

A PIN Notice has been issued to facilitate better engagement with IT and digital suppliers.

2.2 Scottish Government funded projects – Affordable Housing/Social Care

Affordable Housing

Scotland Excel continue to support the housing sector with the Scottish Government funded programme assessing housing associations procurement capability(PCIP). Scotland Excel are working with fifty three associations who volunteered for the programme and all have engagement with the team. It is anticipated that by April 18 there will be 35 full day pre-assessments and 15 full day PCIP's completed. A benefit to local government with this programme is that housing associations active in Scotland Excel contract technical panels are working alongside council colleagues and developing collaborative relationships.

Social Care – Adult Supported Living/ Care at Home

Adult supported living and care at home services are estimated to cost local government £850m per annum. Scotland Excel recognises that social care reform is now urgent, particularly with the demographic challenges the nation faces from its aging population. Scotland Excel approached the Scottish Government for financial investment to expand its social care procurement shared services in order to develop solutions in these areas. The resultant two year funding has allowed Scotland Excel to commence an ambitious work programme that will ensure procurement plays its part in supporting the Scottish Government's flagship reform of health and social care. This project has a number of potential benefits including improved governance, operational efficiencies and supporting local economies. The procurement strategy for adult supported living and care at home are in development and due for completion by the end of February.

2.3 Operational Supplies & Services

This project for small value procurement was approved by the Joint Committee in December 2016 funded by a forecasted supplier rebate of £135k. Operational Supplies and Services have delivered seven frameworks to date, with combined forecast savings in excess of £850k per annum. A further two frameworks are currently at tender stage and will be presented at the March and April Executive Sub Committee Meetings. 9 frameworks are scheduled to be delivered in the financial year 2018/19.

2.4 The Scotland Excel Academy

The Scotland Excel Academy supports accredited work-based-learning, collaborating with 3 professional bodies and 7 Scottish university business school partners. The Academy delivers professional qualifications in procurement, leadership & management and project management.

The procurement qualification (MCIPS) is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS), whilst the leadership and management qualifications are accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). In addition, Scotland Excel is the only public body in Scotland able to assess and award Chartered Manager.

The work-based-learning methodology provides a quick return for both the individual and the employer, where the learner directly applies new knowledge to their work-based-practice through project work.

The Academy delivers qualifications up to degree level, at a significant financial saving over existing private sector provision.

The Academy supports a community of practice nationally, delivering regional practitioner workshops sharing best practice and masterclasses sharing thought leadership.

2.5 Contracts approved since June 2017

The following contracts have been approved at Executive Sub Committee since November 2017:

Heavy and Municipal Vehicles
Pest Control Services and Associated Products)
Steeplejacks and Associated Services
Supply & Distribution of Milk
Supply and Delivery of Trade Materials
Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of Water Coolers and Associated Consumables
Pest Control Services and Associated Products
Catering Machine Repairs
Swimming Pool Chemicals
Library Books and Textbooks

2.6 General update

New Associate Members

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

- Kingdom Housing Association (17th Nov Committee)
- Oak Tree Housing Association (17th Nov Committee)
- West of Scotland Housing Association (17th Nov Committee)
- Caledonia housing Association (26th January 2018 Committee)
- Routes to Work (8th December Committee)
- Design Dundee (8th December Committee)
- Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (8th December Committee)

Scottish Public Service Awards

We were delighted to receive The Commercial Partnership Award at the Scottish Public Service Awards held at The Scottish Parliament in December 2017.

This was for our Domestic Furniture and Furnishings framework, which is the primary means by which local authorities in Scotland spend their allocation of the government's Scottish Welfare Fund to furnish temporary homes for those in need.

10 Year Anniversary

The organisation will celebrate it's 10 year anniversary in April this year, and plans are underway to mark the occasion in a suitable manner.