

## REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**PURPOSE:** COMMISSIONER DECISION

**Timing:** Urgent

**Title:** Welsh Government National Procurement Service (NPS)

**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact:** Procurement

### **Executive Summary:**

Up to 30 per cent of the goods and services bought by public sector organisations including the police are on similar items such as technology, utilities and stationery etc. During times of austerity it is more important than ever that public funds are spent wisely. The NPS adopts a 'Buy Once for Wales' approach. This will enable opportunity for a partnership approach to be taken to procuring goods and services, thereby avoiding duplication in spending throughout the public sector in Wales.

### **Key Features**

- Strategic vehicle for procuring common goods and services for Wales, taking into account the needs of all sectors.
- Focus on three key aspects of the procurement process – developing common specifications, tendering and contract management.
- Utilities Welsh Public sector Procurement policy to support best practice.
- Capability to produce as yet unknown new or innovative solutions in support of public service reform.
- Co-ordinated approach to procurement which seeks to develop the SME community within Wales.

### **Benefits**

- Cashable savings achieved through reduced total cost of acquisition for the common and repetitive spend goods and services, estimated at £75 million over five years.
- Cost avoidance benefits delivered through the simplified procurement and increased compliance.
- Opportunity to be gained by individual stakeholder organisations by redeploying their scarce resources onto higher risk more critical spend areas.
- Developing the professionalism and capability of the procurement community in Wales.
- Positive impact on the Welsh economy.
- Easier for suppliers to engage and transact with the Welsh public sector.

The NPS is centrally and directly funded by the Welsh Government until 2016/17. After this time it is proposed it will switch to a self funding rebate from 2017/18 onwards.

**Decision:**

1. To sign-up to the Welsh Government's National Procurement Service.

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above has my approval

**Signature:**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

*Christopher Salmon*