

## Wales Leadership Group

13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Wellbeing of Future Generations Act Wales:

Sophie Howe, the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act Wales Commissioner was introduced to the group and provided the group with an update on the Act. Sophie explained to the group that one of the issues experienced is that organisations are not going back to the statutory definitions of the 7 Well-being goals that make up the act and are instead making up their own definitions. Sophie also explained to the group the importance of the 5 ways of working which are attached to the 7 well-being goals.

The group was informed that public bodies are to use procurement as a mechanism to help them achieve the well-being objectives that they have set. The Commissioner mentioned to the group that this is causing some challenges particularly in relation to shared services. An example of this is a health body setting their own well-being objectives that then buys things collectively across Wales. How can the health body ensure that the procurement process is contributing back to their own well-being objectives?

A review the Commissioner conducted called Procuring Well-being in Wales found the following:

- There is no clear national procurement strategy, process or support to share learning and drive improvement across the public sector in line with the WBFG Act
- There is too much focus on process and not outcomes
- Reporting and impact of 'community benefits' has not been shared
- Too much focus on short term cost versus delivering wider outcomes
- Lack of national coordination across different sectors
- Opportunities to support innovation need to be better understood
- Procurement is sometimes treated as transactional process, and transformational opportunities are not being maximised

The review also found that there is poor communication and integration between different Welsh Government priorities alongside lack of support available for public bodies.

The Commissioner is currently focusing particularly on Decarbonisation in procurement. Natural Resource Wales found that procurement contributes to 60% of their overall emissions. NHS Wales procurement contributes to 49% of their overall emissions. The Commissioner will be conducting a second review to look into the issue of skills and how well the Government is aligning the skills policy to meeting de-carbonisation targets.

Sophie Howe has suggested an Establishing a Procurement Centre of Excellence to the Welsh Government, which is to look at analysing data, reporting outcomes and providing feedback to public bodies on good and bad practice.

### Climate Action Group:

James Cadman, Lead Consultant at Action Sustainability provided the group with an update on the Climate Action Group. The group is a forum for proactive businesses to come together **and take action against CARBON EMISSIONS** in their own. The group was also made aware of the Carbon Calculator. The calculator is an online platform designed to manage supply chains and carbon data. It

also identifies key carbon producing activities and helps organisations start to work on how these can be managed.

If you would like to find out more about the Carbon Calculator and how it can support you to measure your Scope 3 emissions, join our **introductory sessions** for **Partners**:

- [Wednesday, 16 February 2022, 3:00PM - 4:00PM](#)
- [Thursday, 24 March 2022, 11:00AM - 12:00 PM](#)

Finally, a reminder that the school continues to deliver **training sessions** for **Suppliers**:

- [Thursday, 24 February 2022, 2:00PM – 3:00PM](#)
- [Wednesday, 30 March 2022, 3:00PM – 4:00PM](#)

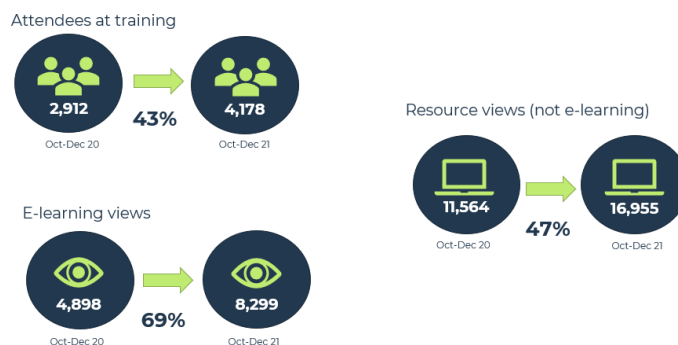
### General School Update:

The group was informed of the new Partners that have joined the school:



The school now has 151 Partners.

The group was informed of the school's engagement in comparison to Oct – Dec 2020:



The group was informed that the Fairness, Inclusion and Respect (FIR) programme has a new home on the [Supply Chain Sustainability School website](#) as FIR is now topic. This means it is now easier to navigate between the FIR pages. A FIR assessment is now available for all members to access. The [FIR Assessment](#) offers organisations a structured way to develop and embed fairness, inclusion and respect (FIR) in their company. This approach allows employers to support their workers and grow their business whilst incorporating FIR principles. Benchmark your knowledge to understand your best practice and areas for improvement.

On the 11th of January 2022 the School delivered an Introduction to Modern Slavery in Wales Lunch 'n' Learn. The session was delivered by our Modern Slavery Specialist Helen Carter and contained presentations from Dr Sue Hurrell and Josh Vuglar from the Welsh Government. The session took

place on Zoom webinars and there was 37 people in attendance. 100% of attendees rated the content and the presenters as good or excellent.

#### **Social Value in Wales:**

Lisa Mcateer, Legacy and Environment Manager at Balfour Beatty was introduced to the group and presented on social value work that Balfour Beatty have been completing in Wales. Balfour Beatty's social value commitment is that they will positively impact more than one million people and will generate £3 billion of social value by 2030 through regenerating communities, enhancing biodiversity and driving employment and training opportunities.

Lisa explained to the group that Balfour Beatty are basing their offering around the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Balfour Beatty are delivering a large project on Core Valley Lines, this project is being delivered as an alliance with other rail organisations, called Craidd Alliance of delivery Partners. The project has recently received ISO4401 certification and is the first rail alliance in the world to receive this.

The project will be making improvements to rail lines for three years and is also aiming to enhance opportunities available for people who work and live in those communities. The project is collaborating on all aspects of social value. One of the ways this is being done is through working with ex- offenders providing them with training and employment in the construction sector.

#### **Digital in FM Conference:**

Mark Turner, Consultant at Action Sustainability was invited to the meeting to discuss the upcoming Digital in FM conference. The conference is taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February between 10:00am - 12:00pm. Please [click here](#) for further information and to register for the session.

**Action:** Partners to contact David Emery if they have any further questions about the conference.

#### **Suggested training sessions:**

It suggested that for future webinars the focus should be on steel projects that are linked to sustainability de-carbonisation and green. The suggested focus would be on Cardiff – Bouygues was mentioned, Southwest and North Wales.

SEWSCAP would like to run a session that the three regional frameworks in Wales can attend. It would also suggested that it would be good to get WFGA involved as a headline for the session. The 10 year anniversary of the Social Value Public Services Act is also approaching so it was suggested to a run a session in line with this and integrating social value.

**AOB:** The next leadership group meeting is taking place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April – 11:00am -13:00pm on Microsoft Teams.