Welsh Government are seeking views on the draft WPPS and draft Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). https://www.gov.wales/draft-wales-procurement-policy-statement-consultation-document-html In preparing our response Co-operatives Wales supports strengthening the Welsh economy through public procurement. The test is whether more smaller suppliers can win and deliver public work, whether workers and communities gain lasting benefits, and whether the public can see the difference in each authority's spending and contract performance. We ask Welsh Ministers to publish a delivery and accountability framework alongside the final statement.

Cerys Furlong's account of a recent Cardiff business dinner raises a practical question that cuts across party and sector lines. What will change in how public bodies buy, and who will act if the results stay the same? The draft gives buyers several ways to open up markets. It also proposes reporting. The missing link is a common set of published measures, a named person in each authority responsible for progress, and a process for correcting underperformance.