

10 June 2022

Dear Colleague,

Consultation – Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill

The **Senedd's Equality and Social Justice Committee** is undertaking Stage 1 scrutiny into the general principles of the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill. A copy of the Bill and its accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found on the [Senedd's website](#).

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence as part of its consideration of the general principles of the Bill. In responding to the consultation you may wish to give a view on the Committee's terms of reference:

- The general principles of the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill and the need for legislation to deliver the stated policy intention. In coming to a view on this you may wish to consider the Bill's key provisions, which are:
 - the establishment of a Social Partnership Council;
 - a statutory duty on certain public bodies to seek consensus or compromise with their recognised trade unions (or where there is no recognised trade union) other representatives of their staff, when setting their well-being objectives and delivering on those objectives under section 3(2) of the WFG Act 2015;
 - a statutory duty on Welsh Ministers to consult social partners, employers and worker representatives through the Social Partnership Council when delivering on their well-being objectives under section 3(2)(b) of the WFG Act 2015 ;



- amendment of section 4 of the WFG Act 2015 by substituting 'fair work' for 'decent work' within the existing "A prosperous Wales" goal;
 - a statutory duty on certain public bodies to consider socially responsible public procurement when carrying out procurement, to set objectives in relation to well-being goals, and to publish a procurement strategy
 - certain public bodies to carry out contract management duties to ensure that socially responsible outcomes are pursued through supply chains.
 - reporting duties to be imposed on the public bodies and Welsh Ministers in relation to the Social Partnership Duty and Procurement duty.
- Any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions and whether the Bill takes account of them;
 - The appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum);
 - Whether there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill; and
 - The financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum).

If you wish to submit evidence, please send your submission to: SeneddEquality@Senedd.Wales by the deadline of **Friday, 22 July 2022**.

Guidance

In preparing your response we ask that you consider the following guidelines. Please:

- keep the document brief – as a guideline, 3,000 words maximum;
- avoid acronyms and abbreviations (where they are used please ensure they are spelled out in full the first time they are used);
- submit a single document (preferably as a Word document) as your paper, with any tables, spreadsheets and annexes incorporated into the paper;
- use headings and numbered paragraphs for structure; and
- use font in at least size 12 (black colour).

For more information please see the [guidance for those providing evidence for committees](#).

Bilingual Policy

The Committee welcomes contributions in both or either of our official languages, English and Welsh. Information not submitted bilingually will not be translated and will be published in the language of submission only. We expect organisations to implement their own standards and schemes and to comply with their statutory obligations.

How we use your information

We will usually publish correspondence or written evidence on our website. If you have responded in a personal capacity, your name will be published along with your contribution, unless you have asked for your contribution to be anonymised. If you have responded in a professional capacity, the published version of your response will include your name, your job title/role, if relevant, and the name of your organisation.

Contact details

If you wish to speak to someone regarding this consultation, please use the following contact details:

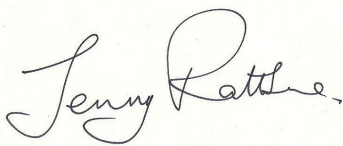
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We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that might like to contribute to this work. A copy of this letter has been placed on the Senedd's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English