

## Joint Committee Meeting

27th November 2014

## Strategic Partnering Update

### Recommendation

1. That the Joint Committee note the progress being made and the key dates highlighted in the report.
2. That the Joint Committee Members, where possible, attend one of the presentation evenings being arranged by Capita to hear about their detailed solution.

### Report

Following evaluation of its outline solution, and after Management Board taking legal advice regarding continuing with a single bidder, Capita was invited to continue in dialogue. A number of sessions have been held during October and November and considerable progress has been made in developing the company's detailed understanding of WRS partner requirements. The deadline for Capita to seek final clarifications is 21 November 2014 after which the company will be invited to submit its detailed solution by 1 December 2014.

On the 8 December 2014 the Project Team and Management Board representatives will receive a presentation from Capita on their detailed solution.

Arrangements are being made by Capita to provide all Partner Members with an opportunity to hear about their solution during the week commencing 15 December 2014 at a choice of locations. Once details have been finalised all Members will be notified. It is hoped that as many Joint Committee Members as possible will be able to attend one of the sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to engage with members and highlight some of the key offerings in their solution to date.

Subject to satisfactory evaluation of Capita's detailed solution by mid-December 2014, the company will then be invited to submit its final solution by 23 January 2015. If this is evaluated to meet partner requirements it will be

considered by the Joint Committee at a special meeting provisionally set for 3 February 2015. Recommendations from the Joint Committee will then be considered by individual Partners during February and March 2015, if necessary at special meetings of Cabinet and Council. Subject to the necessary unanimity of partners agreeing, the planned contract start date would be 1 June 2015.

With a single bidder the procurement processes continues to have a degree of uncertainty though the level of commitment demonstrated in the dialogue has been very encouraging.

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