

Procurement Update

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Walker Morris Procurement Update. This edition starts with a summary of the main changes to the procurement rules from the new Directives. We also look at whether the Teckal exemption applies to a non-profit organisation; the Covanta waste procurement challenge; whether the Freedom of Information Act will extend to outsourced contracts; a recent report into local government procurement; plus the latest policy notes from the Cabinet Office. Essential reading for all procurement practitioners in the public and private sector.

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Procuring the future - the new EU Public Procurement Directive

Richard Auton summarises the main changes brought about by the new Procurement Directives, and when they are likely to become law in the UK.



Does the in-house exemption apply to a non-profit organisation?

A recent opinion of the Advocate General says not. We look at the reasoning and whether the new Directives will change this.



The big case of 2013: Covanta v Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

Arguably the most significant procurement case of last year was Covanta's successful application for an injunction to prevent Merseyside WDA entering into a £1 billion contract with SITA. What does this mean for large, complex procurements now?



Transparency in outsourced contracts

Does the outsourcing of public functions mean they are less transparent? Richard Auton summarises the latest developments in the recent controversy.



Improving local government procurement

The Government has looked into local government procurement and found that, although there are some examples of best practice, on the whole councils need to raise their game and put procurement at the heart of their service delivery.



Round up of the Rest

The Cabinet Office has been busy publishing a new set of Procurement Policy Notes. We summarise some of the key ones, plus a new EU Directive on e-invoicing.