

Building Connections No 3

London signs up: 18 authorities sign up to LCP

We're very pleased to report that London authorities continue to sign up to use LCP's CRCS 2012 Framework. We're pleased to welcome: **Metropolitan Police, Waltham Forest, Royal Borough of Kingston, Camden, City of London, Merton, Tower Hamlets, Enfield Council, Enfield Homes, Barnet Council and Barnet Homes.**

This brings the number of organisations participating in the first LCP Framework to 18. 8 authorities are already using the Framework for a variety of project requirements. Some **major tenders** are in train, including Housing projects, and we'll update you on developments on these in the coming weeks and months.

The pace of this uptake and market interest in LCP since our launch in February confirms the **significance of collaborative frameworks** in London's public procurement landscape. As well as enabling access to the CSCR 2012 Framework, we're continuing to develop our framework offer and category management support services. More of this in future updates.

Leveraging the best of the best: LCP Development Groups launched

To build efficiencies into construction procurement, we're harnessing the expertise and experience of professionals across a range of disciplines in our sector and the supply chain. Our goal is to deliver value for money improvements in practice to London authorities.

This month we launched our first **Development Groups**. Development Groups bring together practitioners from client organisations and the supply-side to focus on practical operational issues. By creating more consistent process, common tools and forms, and standard guidance based on best practice, both client and supply-side organisations will drive improvement and introduce efficiencies.

Development Groups are practical working sessions designed to **harness the knowledge and skills** within individual organisations. Some sessions will be developmental, where we'll assess priority issues, explore common ground and recommend developments. Some sessions will provide review and scrutiny of proposed resources (tools, guides, templates, forms).

The first scheduled Development Groups were for CDM and QS, these were held on 21st June (CDM) and 27th June (QS).

The development group meetings were very successful, practical and created much discussion about processes and procedures which could be simplified or

standardised across London. Further meetings will be held to follow up the outcomes before releasing further information, however the discussions evolved around the following areas.

CDM

- Health and Safety on site audits for contractors for both minor and major projects - proposals were discussed around adapting current templates.
- CDM Training for Clients and other areas.
- Format of documents particularly at completion.

QS

- Standardisation formats for Tender documents
- Standards headlines for Cost reporting
- Lifecycle costing - standard formats and how Clients could use the information provided from the costing exercise
- Standard KPI's – particularly around Final accounts and £m2.

We'll announce the outcomes of Development Groups and the new resources they generate in the coming months. We'll make available the results to all LCP consultants and clients. Watch this space!

Further Development Group topics will be announced shortly and we'll email to invite your participation.

Look out for details of the next Development Group meetings in the coming weeks. If you want to more about them, or how to get involved, email me at David.Mulford@haringey.gov.uk

Kind regards

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