



Procurement Thematic Project Board

Summary of Performance:
To December 2006

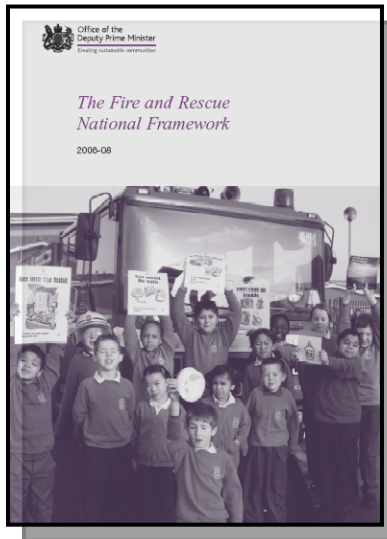


Project Board

Name	Role	Authority
Cllr Richard Chattaway	SRO	Warks FRA
Mike Griffiths	Project Manager	WMFRA
Mike Griffiths	Lead Officer	WMFRA
Jim McCullagh	Board Member	H&WFRA
Beverley Cayzer	Board Member	Staffs FRA
Andrew Kelcey	Board Member	Shrops FRA
Balbir Singh	Board Member	Warks FRA
Graham Maltby	Special Adviser	FiReBuy
John Key	ICP Liaison Officer	Warks FRA
Neil Hopkins	Supply Chain Manager	WMFRA



Framework 2006-08 Objectives



Paragraph	Subject	Should/Must/Suggestion
2.20	PROCUREMENT	MUST



WMRMB Objectives

Para-graph	Subject	Time	Outcome(s)	Progress
2.7	Introduce regional procurement	30.09.07 as per PID	Improved maintained quality of goods, works services procured at lower direct and indirect cost.	18k cashable savings 15k non-cashable savings (to date)
2.16 and 2.21	Support FiReBuy	29.3.06	Objective completed on 29 th March 2006 with the formation of FiReBuy as a NDPB. Regional FRAs are calling off FiReBuy contracts and providing data for future purchases.	Completed.
2.16	Co-ordinate with RCEs	31.3.06	Engaged with Regional Centre of Excellence. Calling off their contract details, input to their Procurement Advisory Group. Regional Centre of Excellence representative now attends Procurement Project Board meetings.	Completed

Benefits delivered

- £18k cashable savings/£15k non-cashable savings
- Access to the blue light portal
- FRS Circular 50/2006
 - cited as best practice for engagement with the RCE establishing procurement structure
- Draft three year plan produced
- Data provided for consideration by BT/MOD



Case Study from Project

Each FRA approached each purchase in its own way. Now there is a scaleable standard checklist for all regional procurement processes that ensures process steps are consistent. Also that the outcomes are based on whole-life costing results and the FiReBuy principle of accepting the most economically advantageous tender.



Issues & Risks

Issue/Risk	Description	Action
Risk	Capacity People: members of the Regional Project Board having difficulty allocating sufficient time to work packages.	Board representatives currently determining how extra support/ expertise can be provided from their respective authorities to support the project.



Forthcoming Activities

- Collaboration in respect of national RPE contract.
- Workshops sub group to meet.
- Technical Services (R&D) collaboration to review post resources.
- Stockholding rationalisation project to be completed.

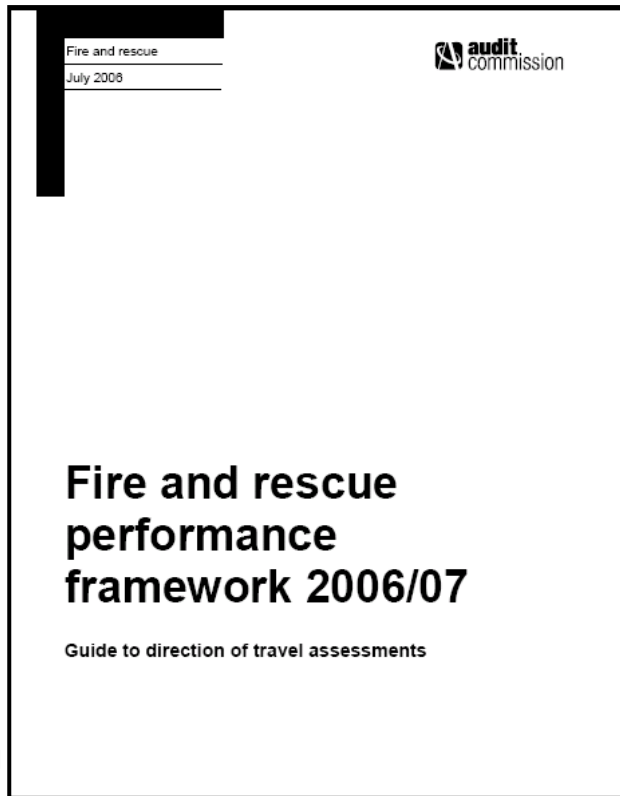


Forthcoming Activities

- Engagement with FiReBuy to continue.
- Draft three year plan to be agreed.
- Support ICP evaluation process.



Audit Commission Review




Key Line of Enquiry:

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Relevant Areas of Investigation	Evidence sought:	WMRMB Thematic Project evidence:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of partnership working including governance arrangements and cost effectiveness • Quality and impact of contributions to the RMB at staff and member level • Involvement in RMB work streams • Degree of influence on RMB issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership register; protocols, performance management arrangements • Examples of improving capacity through collaboration and joint work to deliver shared goals for local people • Examples of increasing FRA capacity to deliver its local priorities • Examples of joint solutions to shared problems and goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ WMRMB Project Board Established ✓ Governance PRINCE2 compliant ✓ Financial matters controlled by Treasurers' Group ✓ All Brigades represented on Board ✓ Cllr Richard Chattaway acts as SRO to project ✓ Board met 5 times during 2006 ✓ Example(s) of improved capacity achieved: Cashable and non-cashable savings being recorded ✓ Example(s) of increased FRA capacity: As each Brigade leads on one or more procurement topics the others gain opportunity cost time/capacity ✓ Example(s) of solutions delivered: Regional savings formula – agreed by Treasurers' Group. Standardised Regional Procurement Checklist.



Questions Please

