

Infrastructure Leadership Group

27th February 2024

Meeting Actions:

- Jenny to organise a webinar with National Highways on the 'Social Enterprise DPS'.
- Reach out to Jenny if you would like to join the School's Procurement Leadership Group.
- School team to set up a task and finish subgroup to discuss the hydrogen topic in more detail. Reach out to Jenny if you would like to be involved in this.

Welcome and Introductions

Shaun McCarthy began by welcoming the Group to the meeting and talking through the planned agenda.

National Highways Social Enterprise Dynamic Purchasing System (SEDPS)

Jo Wilkes and Rachael Collins from National Highways began by giving a background to the process, and the categories they work in, and then moving on to look at the system that National Highways have designed.

The slides that Jo and Rachael went through will be shared with the Group.

Update on work of SCSS Procurement Leadership Group

Shaun gave an update on the School's Procurement Leadership Group. The Group have specified their key priorities for next year, including decarbonising the supply chain, collaborative procurement, due diligence in the procurement process, and SMEs, and Shaun talked through the School's business plans on how we will tackle these issues as part of the work the Group does next year.

Hydrogen as a low-carbon fuel source

Shaun introduced this section of the meeting, mentioning that this came out of previous meetings as a priority for the Infrastructure market. Shaun introduced the three speakers: David Cast (NSG), Nigel Holmes (Scottish Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Association), and Mumtaz Patel (Cadent Gas).

David started by presenting NSG Group and their roadmap to Carbon Neutrality by 2050. NSG Group are part of the HyNet Project. David discussed some of the challenges around hydrogen, including on supply, infrastructure, cost, government subsidies.

Nigel Holmes discussed how SHFCA have looked into the application of hydrogen in construction, and making hydrogen with a low carbon footprint.

Mumtaz discussed the main projects Cadent are working with, as well as their HyDOP Roadmap. Mumtaz also talked through some of the wider challenges, such as labour shortages and looking at the additional training skills that will be needed.

Many of the Partners in the Group are interested in setting up an initial subgroup on this topic to decide what to work on, and how the School can help to take this forward.

Business Plan 2024/25 sign off

Shaun presented the Group's KPIs for 2024/25.

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The next meeting is taking place on 23rd May from 10:00-12:00pm. Please accept/reject the calendar invite accordingly.