

Commissioning Dialogues

Understanding the next stage of commissioning



Conference programme

Wednesday 12th September 2012

8.30am – 2.00pm

Microsoft, Victoria Place, London

8.30am Registration

9.30am Welcome from conference chair

9.40am **Session 1**

The Current outlook for strategic commissioning

This opening discussion sets out the context for the current understanding of and scope for commissioning.

Covering such issues as:

- A clear and shared definition for commissioning
- How far have currently pushed the concept of commissioning and to what services are we looking?
- Is outcome based commissioning possible? If so, how?
- Is the shape of the provider market fit for purpose?
- Is Procurement really a drag on making this a reality?
- Is there a commissioning skills deficit in the public sector?



Session 1 Speakers

Nick Bell, Chief Executive, Staffordshire County Council (Confirmed)

Andy Bagnall, Head of Public Services Reform, CBI (Confirmed)

Atkins representative (Invited)

10.30am **Session 2**
The new market makers

A session to explore the ability of local government as an active market maker for public services.

Covering such issues as:

- New types of supply chain
- Do open public services mean the face of the provider market changes?
- To what degree can providers be involved in service specification and will this allow for the change in behaviours we need to see?

Session 2 Speakers

Andrew Muter, Chief Executive, Newark and Sherwood District Council (Confirmed)

John Nicholson, Director of Local Government, WSP (Confirmed)

James Allen, Head of Policy at NCVO (Confirmed)

11.15am Coffee Break

11.30am **Session 3**
So... what are we really creating?

A session that will project forward and outline where the commissioning journey, if done right, will take us.

Covering such issues as:

- How commissioning might change local government and the provider market?
- What will a successful commission mean for places?
- Does success mean place based commissioning?



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- What does this mean for future business models?
 - Can you benchmark your success and progress?

Session 3 Speakers

Gavin Jones, Chief Executive,
at Swindon Borough Council (Confirmed)

12.15pm Closing keynote panel discussion

How will the Government support the strategic
commissioning of public services?

John Seddon, Managing Director, Vanguard
Consulting (Confirmed)

Catherine Staite, Director, Institute of Local
Government Studies (Confirmed)

David Skelton, Deputy Director, Policy
Exchange (Invited)

12.55pm Thanks and Summary

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Session close



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