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A Plan for Public Procurement

Ensuring a healthy future for our people,
farmers and food producers

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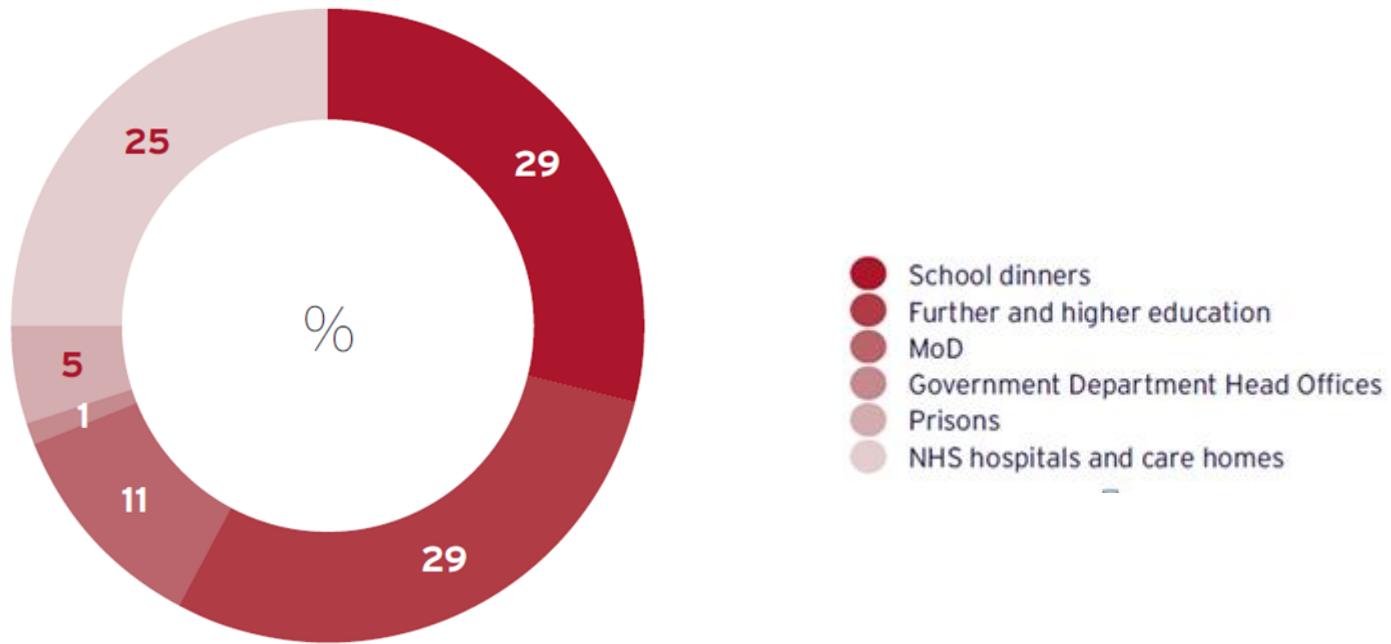
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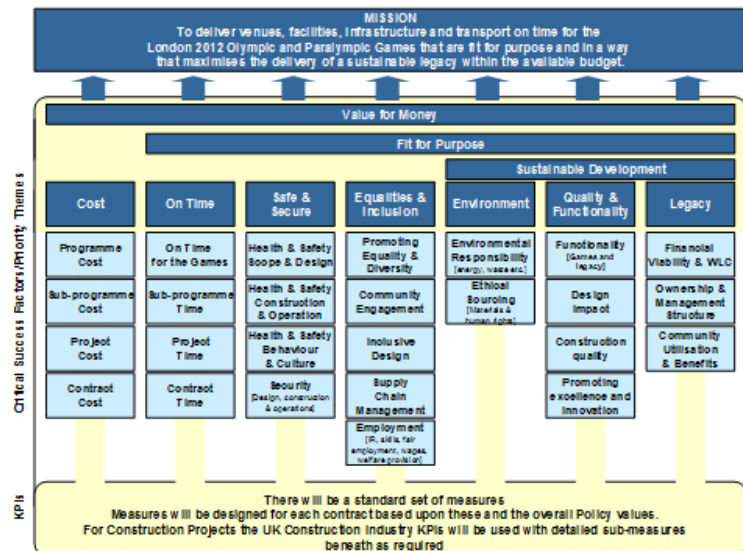
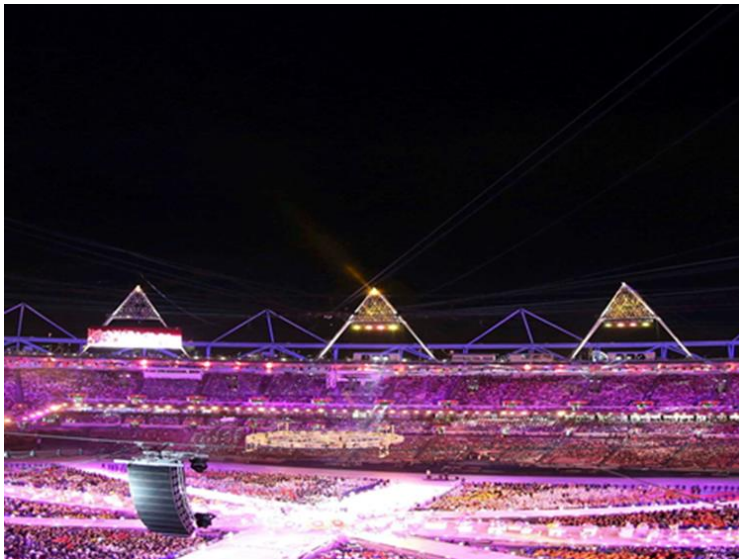
Background

The public sector spends about £2.4bn per annum procuring food and catering services, which represents approximately 5.5% of UK food service sector sales.



Approach

Dr Peter Bonfield was appointed to lead this review, building on his experience of procurement for the 2012 Olympics, which successfully developed and applied a balanced scorecard for all procurement.



The Toolkit

- Plan launched on July 21st 2014.
- A toolkit was developed, in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. This includes:
 - A revised Government Buying Standard for food and catering
 - A balanced scorecard
 - A food procurement portal
 - Access to centralised contracts
 - Case studies and information to help good procurement.

GBS for food and catering

- Nationally-recognised baseline standard which helps public sector procurers buy nutritious and sustainably-produced food and catering services achieving real value for money.
- Amendments made to strengthen the commitment to buy to UK standards of production (or equivalent) and to ensure that procurers or catering companies have systems in place to check on the authenticity of food.



Balanced scorecard

QUALITY AND VALUE				
COST	SERVICE			
PRODUCTION	HEALTH & WELLBEING	RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	SOCIO-ECONOMIC	QUALITY OF SERVICE
REQUIREMENTS/AWARD CRITERIA CATEGORIES				
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	NUTRITION	ENERGY	FAIR & ETHICAL TRADE	FOOD QUALITY
ANIMAL WELFARE	FOOD SAFETY & HYGIENE	WATER	EQUALITY & DIVERSITY	CUSTOMER SATISFACTION
ENVIRONMENT	AUTHENTICITY & TRACEABILITY	WASTE	INCLUSION OF SMEs	
VARIETY & SEASONALITY			LOCAL AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT	
			EMPLOYMENT SKILLS	

Procurement Portal

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HMG Food Standards Assessment

You are 0% through this questionnaire

Welcome to the Government Food Standards Assessment (ref:GBF1.1)

This assessment covers the Government Buying Standard on food and catering. It is aligned to the balanced scorecard that has been produced as part of the plan for public procurement and assesses suppliers against the minimum mandatory specifications and the award criteria.

The assessment is designed to only present questions from the balanced scorecard that are relevant to what you provide as a supplier as there are different standards for different types of food products and food and catering services.

Guidance

You are in the 'Introduction' section of this questionnaire.

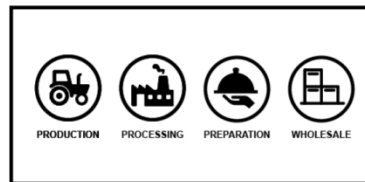
(ref:GBF1.1) You should complete the assessment for each product or service that you provide. If you provide food and catering services you will be able to select this as an option and respond to the assessment for your catering service as a whole. If you provide a wholesale service you will be able to select this as an option.

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HMG Food Standards Assessment

You are 3% through this questionnaire

Which of the following most closely describes the sector in which you operate? (ref:GBF2.1)



Guidance

You are in the 'Product/Service Information' section of this questionnaire.

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HMG Food Standards Assessment

You are 5% through this questionnaire

Which of the following categories most closely describes the food product or service that you want to assess against the Government Food Standard? (ref:GBF3.1)

You can only choose one category but you will be able to describe your product or service in more detail on the next page.

- Crops, products of market gardening and horticulture (inc. sunflower, mustard, sesame seeds etc.)
- Beverage and spice crops (inc. coffee beans, cocoa beans, unprocessed spices etc.)

Guidance

You are in the 'Product/Service Information' section of this questionnaire

(ref:GBF3.1) These product and service categories are based on the Common Procurement Vocabulary otherwise known as CPV. The list is based on category and family food types.

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Can you confirm that all food is produced in a way that meets UK legislative standards for food production, or equivalent standards that achieve similar outcomes? (ref:GBF14.1)

- Yes (Mandatory Criteria)
- No

Guidance

You are in the 'Production' section of this questionnaire.

(ref:GBF14.1) Suppliers should consider whether their food products are from a farm subject to state farm inspection against relevant UK legislative requirements, or equivalent legislative requirements, and the UK inspection regime or its equivalent. In addition the use of suppliers within

Procurement Portal

GOV.UK **GB FOOD**

This is a self-declaration that

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Defra Food Test 3

Has met the following criteria for the public procurement food & catering balanced scorecard

Minimum Mandatory -	
Production	Passed
Health & Wellbeing	Not Applicable
Resource Efficiency	Not Applicable
Social & Economic Value	Not Applicable
Quality	Not Applicable

Award Criteria -	
Production	Satisfactory
Health & Wellbeing	Not Applicable
Resource Efficiency	Not Applicable
Social & Economic Value	Not Applicable
Quality	Not Applicable

This self-certification has been created on the basis of a self-assessment, completed via the Single Supplier Registration Portal for Government.

23/01/2017

Date of self-declaration

How to get involved – suppliers and procurers

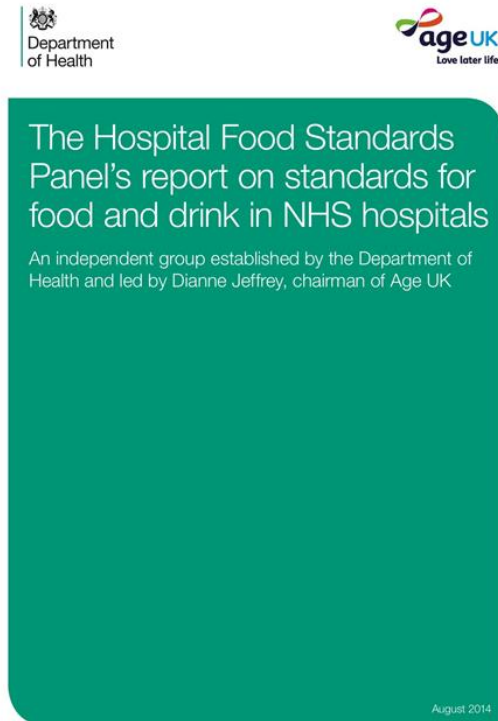
- **Suppliers** should familiarise themselves with the balanced scorecard to understand what is required by the public sector.
- **Procurers** should commit to food procurement by using the balanced scorecard

Measuring success

- The balanced scorecard will help procurers and suppliers develop key performance indicators, to identify areas of achievement and improvement.
- Key Government Departments are providing data on a quarterly basis to help monitor progress.
- We are also encouraging suppliers to monitor progress and hold relevant information, including data on provenance of food.

Cross-government approach

Defra worked with the Hospital Food Standards panel and the School Food Plan (Universal Infant Free School Meals) to incorporate the principles of the Plan.



Pilots

- We have several pilots up and running across the country – these span schools, hospitals and Government Departments



Our ambition

- Our ambition is for the food industry, public procurers, researchers and farmers to get behind this approach – not only for now, but into the future.
- We want to create an expectation around public procurement. We want excellence to be the norm so that:
 - Public authorities expected to source healthier and tasty food produced to the high standards expected in the UK.
 - Food and farming sector is empowered to supply the public sector with the products that it demands.