

Appendix 1

What is a DPS?

A DPS is a compliant Procurement system for enabling Denbighshire County Council officers to undertake a competitive bid process for works to be carried out, in a controlled, convenient and practical way.

It's different to traditional procurement routes as it operates an 'open market' for suppliers to join either constantly or very frequently. This allows buyers to continually expand their network of suppliers and welcome new businesses that can meet their changing needs.

It allows Denbighshire County Council officers to select competent and quality suppliers, with particular skill sets and organisational capability via the Proactis e-Tendering system, who will then be admitted onto the DPS into particular 'categories' or 'Lots' as 'Quality vetted contractors'.

Those Suppliers successfully admitted into the designated 'Lots' will subsequently be invited to quote for distinct work packages as and when they arise, within the scope of the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG).

Why not a Framework?

Unlike a 'Framework Agreement' which limits the number of Supplier's for the life of the 'Framework' and freezes other Suppliers out, the 'DPS' has the facility for Suppliers to be admitted at any time during its lifespan.

For example

If an Organisation applies to go on the DPS, but does not meet the required criteria at that moment in time, they have the opportunity to review the feedback they have received from their initial application, improve where required and reapply.

If an Organisation has only the capacity to apply for one 'Lot' at that moment in time, they can apply for the other 'Lot' at a later date when circumstances change.

If a new Organisation is created in future, it will not be excluded from applying for admission during the lifespan of the DPS.

The DPS has the ability to develop and grow and refresh its Supplier base throughout its life.