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## Press Release – Immediate

### **EU tries to solve Public Procurement problems with more Bureaucracy and Puts Key UK reforms at Risk**

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Just before Xmas, the EU sneaked out proposals for a new Public Procurement Directive. You could lose the will to live in trying to digest the hundreds of pages of draft new laws. Whilst some of it sounds good, the devil is in the detail. However, the net effect will be to put at risk a series of flagship policies from the coalition government.

For instance;

- The Right to Challenge in the Localism Act and subsequent Big Society Reforms will be made more difficult as mutualisation proposals have been ignored;
- The Clinical Commissioning Groups will have to perform full procurements on all services as Any Qualified Providers will be subject to test of full competition. In proposing to remove the Part B classification, any semblance of cooperation could be deemed anticompetitive. The BMA will have strong views on this. It will also affect all Foundation Trusts.
- So how will Free Schools get their grants without competition as Education policy will be challenged by these far reaching proposals?
- Legal Aid awards will also be affected so slowing up the provision of fair trials and justice.

If you do want to look at the detail, use the hyperlink.

[http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/PPN-11-11-Legislative-Proposals-for-the-Revised-Procurement-Directives\\_0.pdf](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/PPN-11-11-Legislative-Proposals-for-the-Revised-Procurement-Directives_0.pdf)

The UK government will need help from the business, third and public sector to negotiate improvements with the EU and are seeking feedback by 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.. It is another example of the sclerotic approach used by the EU and is a similar approach to that used by the Eurozone to mend its problems. This is another risk to UK Plc which if adopted in its current form will damage the UK.

#### **Notes for Editors**

Barony Consulting has been involved in many public procurement exercises since 1993. Its Director, Doug Forbes has written the 'Guide to Procuring Public Services' in 2005 and

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