

Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 30 July 2013

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review of NEPO

The Committee met on 16 July and Members were presented with a breakdown of categories of goods and services the Council purchases. The breakdown noted the total expenditure for each category in 2012/13 and how much of this expenditure was spent via the NEPO contract. The NEPO expenditure was 5.6% of total expenditure. The breakdown also included whether optimum sourcing of each category was local, sub-regional, regional, national, or a combination of methods. A Stockton representative on the NEPO Joint Committee was in attendance to take part in the discussion and gave a background on NEPO.

It was noted that the independent review commissioned by NEPO had been delayed and therefore unlikely to be available for the next meeting in September.