

Changing times for Borough of Poole

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ProcServe, a leading provider of eProcurement solutions, has announced that the Borough of Poole has awarded them with a contract to provide a hosted purchase-to-pay (P2P) and electronic marketplace managed service for the next four years - under its pan-government framework.

Borough of Poole has chosen ProcServe to enable its strategic procurement strategy with an efficient and effective transactional system to improve control over its spend on goods and services categories across all its business and service delivery units. The scope of its use of P2P and electronic marketplace is significant as it covers both the corporate and programme spend across their service directorates.

"These are changing times at the Council. Having an electronic buying system to automate the end-to-end P2P process is a strategic enabler in securing change. This is more than online shopping; P2P minimises re-keying and duplication through the transactional process. We need our staff to buy from the right contracts at the right prices every time - in a way that delivers value for money, improves back office efficiency, optimises funding for front-line services and complies with our Financial Regulations and UK & EU law," commented Liz Wilkinson, Head of Financial Services, Borough of Poole.

She added: "We went through a comprehensive evaluation which considered upgrading purchase ordering in our finance system and local sector specific solutions, and decided that ProcServe was the best fit as it gave us a strategic platform. Its pan-government nature, the customers, suppliers and catalogues already on the ProcServe Trading Network and the collaborative deals on the system, will make it easier for us to collaborate with wider government locally, regionally and nationally."

Jim Knox, CEO of ProcServe, added: "We are delighted to welcome Borough of Poole to our growing trading community as we continue to expand into the Local Government sector and enable pan-government collaboration. We are looking forward to working with Borough of Poole to help them deliver their strategic solution and to showcase their success in delivering savings and a better way of working. Watch this space!"

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