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Kitchens and Associated Products

1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 – 31ST AUGUST 2026



K7 Framework Guide

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WPA provides compliant frameworks which can be used by local authorities, social landlords and other public sector bodies to procure works, products and services for the construction, refurbishment and maintenance of social housing, schools and public buildings. Our vision is to be recognised throughout Wales as a centre of excellence for public sector procurement.

We operate in Wales connecting construction companies, manufacturers and service providers with the needs of our clients. We bring buyers and suppliers together, to build and maintain public property more efficiently and cost effectively, and to benefit local communities.

Our activity is guided by our Executive Committee which is made up of Local Authorities and Housing Associations from across Wales.

WPA is backed by LHC, a not-for-profit organisation, governed by public law and a central purchasing body providing procurement services in the UK, since 1966. All Contract Notices are issued on behalf of the WPA by LHC, who have an in-house team of technical procurement experts that produce and manage the frameworks.

WPA aims to deliver solutions for compliance, quality and best value and provides procurement and technical support and advice throughout the duration of our clients' projects. Any organisation that is publicly or partially publicly funded is eligible to utilise our frameworks.

If you would like any of the content of this brochure translated into Welsh please ask. Os hoffech i unrhyw ran o'r gynnwys y pamffled hwn gyfieithu i'r Gymraeg gofynnwch os gwelwch yn dda.

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ABOUT THIS FRAMEWORK

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This WPA framework has been developed to provide an efficient, value for money procurement route for local authorities, social landlords and other public sector bodies to source specialist manufacturers for the supply of domestic and inclusive kitchens.

This framework agreement can be used for:



Residential

- Single occupier and multiple occupier dwellings – houses, flats, and residential including those requiring mobility solutions
- Care homes and sheltered accommodation
- Managed residential blocks
- Common areas of residential blocks
- Low, medium and high-rise residential homes

Note: The kitchen units within this framework are for 'domestic' purposes and not intended to provide full commercial kitchens.



Non Residential

- Commercial office buildings, central or local housing team offices, halls and day care centres
- Municipal buildings such as libraries, sports halls, museums etc
- Other public buildings such as conference centres and other commercial buildings
- Educational buildings such as universities, schools and colleges
- Research establishments
- Hospitals / hospital-related properties, health centres and GP surgeries
- Emergency services buildings

The tender was carried out in strict accordance with the UK public sector procurement rules. Places on the framework were awarded to six different suppliers and across four regional lots.

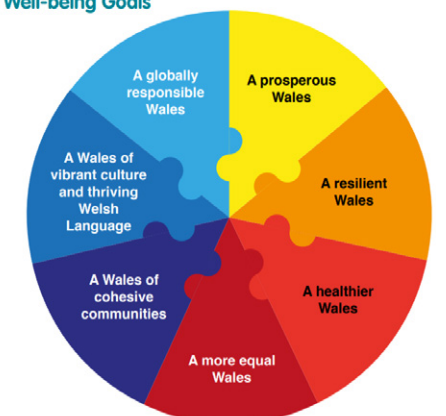
The term of the framework is from **1st September 2022 to 31st August 2026**. However, individual call-off projects can be completed beyond the four-year duration of the framework as long as a contract is in place prior to the framework expiry date.

Well-being of Future Generations

The Well-being of Future Generations Act gives us the ambition, permission and legal obligation to improve our social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being.

The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change. Welsh Procurement Alliance is mindful to ensure that the Future Generations Act obligations are embedded into all our activity.

Well-being Goals



With the Well-being Goals in mind, WPA is committed to providing our clients with competitively tendered Framework Agreements for building works, goods and services and to delivering tangible social value and community benefits that meet local and regional needs. WPA work with our clients and appointed companies to ensure that wherever possible projects delivered using our frameworks leave a social legacy.

SPECIFICATION

KITCHEN STYLES

The specialist manufacturers appointed to this framework offer the following products and services:

KITCHEN STYLES

Kitchen units are available in a choice of 3 tiers, Affordable, Premium, and Luxury styles reflecting different cost points to suit the client's environment.

Affordable

The affordable range is the most price conscious and commonly supplied/ long running ranges to ensure consistency of supply of replacement units during the typical lifetime of the kitchen. The affordable range will typically contain a limited selection of styles in a number of plain and wood effect designs and no requirements for LED lighting.

Premium

The premium range is the mid-range of products and may combine classic designs as well as contemporary / modern designs. Doors selected for this range will be typically laminated in a matte, or gloss finish with a decorative style chamfered face, square edged or decorative moulding such as shaker style. A choice of premium, quality worktop is offered from laminated surfaces to timber block board with matching upstands and backboards. A choice of LED lighting is available.

Luxury

The luxury range is the highest range of products offered. These products will include both high quality iterations of classic designs such as panelised or shaker designs but also typically more contemporary / current fashion designs. Doors selected for this range will be typically laminated in a matte, or gloss finish with a decorative style chamfered face, square edged or decorative moulding or an option of solid timber doors. Worktops have a good selection of high-quality laminated finishes, timber blockboard or quartz with matching upstands and backboards. All units will typically have a soft close mechanism on doors and drawer frontals. A choice of LED lighting and concealed lighting strips are available.



SPECIFICATION

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INCLUSIVE KITCHENS

In addition to the supply of standard domestic kitchens, a range of inclusive kitchens is offered for tenants with additional needs which follows the 3 tier bands above.

These will include worktop adaptations with electrical or mechanical rise and fall capabilities to ensure the end user has maximum functionality. Wall units with variable height access with innovated storage solutions, base units with high line plinths for wheelchair access and lastly energy efficient appropriately rated white goods that are user friendly for tenants with additional support needs.

Worktop styles

- Range of 30/40mm moisture resistant worktops
- Alternative options i.e. quartz, laminate and timber
- Rise and fall worktop ranges for inclusive kitchens
- Matching upstands
- Backboards/splashbacks
- Trims and edgings
- All worktops meet the requirements of BS EN 312:2010 (Type P3) and BS EN 6222-3:2017 (Type 1 & Type 2).



White Goods

Appointed Companies are required to supply basic white goods and cooking facilities with the relative energy efficiency rating from the 01/03/2021, these are to be of a reputable brand also with the availability of parts in the event of repair.

Accessories

Stainless steel sinks with drainers are offered for all ranges and meet the requirements of BS EN 13310:2015. A range of taps are available including monobloc and mixer taps. Taps required for the inclusive kitchen range are long lever with quarter turn taps for easy functionality.



Services

- Product design and advice services
- Mood boards and sample products to aid tenant design selection
- Assistance with tenant design choice sessions
- User guide for materials
- Design Surveys and drawings
- Quotations

APPOINTED COMPANIES

BENCHMARKX
Kitchens and Joinery



Magnet
Better. By design



paula rosa | manhattan

APPOINTED COMPANIES



EVALUATION
CRITERIA

A single stage open tender process was used. The following qualification criteria were used to assess the suitability of the Appointed Companies:

Financial Due Diligence

Appointed Companies were assessed on their turnover and checked via Credit Safe. The results of this check were assessed on a pass/fail basis.

In addition to the financial stability assessment, applicants were assessed on their average turnover for the past 4 years by comparison to the minimum turnover requirements for the lots they have applied for. The minimum annual turnover requirement is £300,000.

Accreditations and Certifications

Appointed Companies provided evidence they have in place the relevant **health and safety, environmental, equality and quality systems** listed below to be considered eligible for the Framework.

Environmental Management UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance with BS EN ISO 14001 (or equivalent) or a valid EMAS (or equivalent) certificate.	
Health and Safety The Appointed Companies must hold a UKAS (or equivalent), accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with ISO 45001 (or equivalent) or have, within the last 12 months, successfully met the assessment requirements of a construction-related scheme in registered membership of the Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) forum.	Quality Management UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent).
Compliance with Equality Act 2010 Appointed Companies were required to evidence through several confirmatory statements that they are compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and have robust measures in place to promote equality and diversity within their organisation.	

Warranties

A minimum 5 year warranty is offered on kitchen cabinets/carcass, doors and drawer fronts, worktops, ironmongery and accessories. Clients can request longer warranties at call-off.

Minimum Insurance Cover

Throughout the duration of the framework Appointed Companies are required to have the minimum levels of insurance to be considered as set out in the table below:

Insurance	Value
Employers (Compulsory) Liability Insurance	£5,000,000
Public Liability Insurance	£5,000,000
Product Liability Insurance	£1,000,000

EVALUATION
CRITERIA

Quality Weighting 60%

General Technical Capability Questions 30%

Technical Quality Questions

- Product design
- Communication
- Quality control and defects resolution
- Business continuity planning
- Replacement of products
- Ranges of products offered

Scenario Questions

- Provision of replacement parts
- Kitchen carcass requirement

Framework Specific Questions

- Framework management

Addresssing LHC Lifetime Values 15%

- Recycling and waste management
- Measurement of carbon footprint
- Lifecycle / life costing
- Supply chain
- Requirements for additional support designs

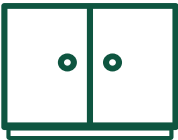
Factory Inspections 15%

- Responsible sourcing of component products
- Quality of assembly and consistency of good working practices
- Accuracy of cutting / measurement of timber products
- Quality of fabrication
- Cleanliness of kitchen products during the manufacturing process
- Strength, durability and ease of operation of hardware

Price Weighting 40%

Scenario Pricing 40%

Appointed companies were asked to provide prices for the most common products for each of the 3 ranges (Affordable, Premium and Luxury). Prices were supplied for 30, 50 and 100 kitchens.



CALL-OFF AWARD OPTIONS

THE FRAMEWORK ALLOWS PARTNERS THE OPTION OF:

Direct award without further competition, where all terms and conditions of the call-off project are within the terms and conditions of the framework

OR

Mini-competition, where terms and conditions of the call-off may vary or be modified from the framework or at the choice of the Partner.

When calling off projects, clients can use any one of a range of standard forms of building contract including JCT/SBCC, NEC/NEC4, ACE, PPC, TPC, FAC1, or their own in-house agreement.

ELIGIBILITY

WPA is part of LHC, a not-for-profit organisation, governed by public law, and a central purchasing body providing procurement services.

Over 300 publicly funded organisations throughout the UK currently use LHC frameworks to procure works, goods and services to construct, refurbish and maintain social housing, schools and public buildings. The specific classes of public sector organisation authorised to use the framework include:

- Local Authorities and any subsidiaries and joint-venture vehicles of those Local Authorities

- Housing Associations and other Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)
- Health Authorities, Councils, Boards and Trusts
- Publicly funded schools
- Universities, colleges and other further education establishments
- Police authorities
- Fire and Rescue services
- Registered charities
- Government departments

NB: The framework can also be used by other organisations that are either publicly funded or have been given public funds and require a compliant procurement route.

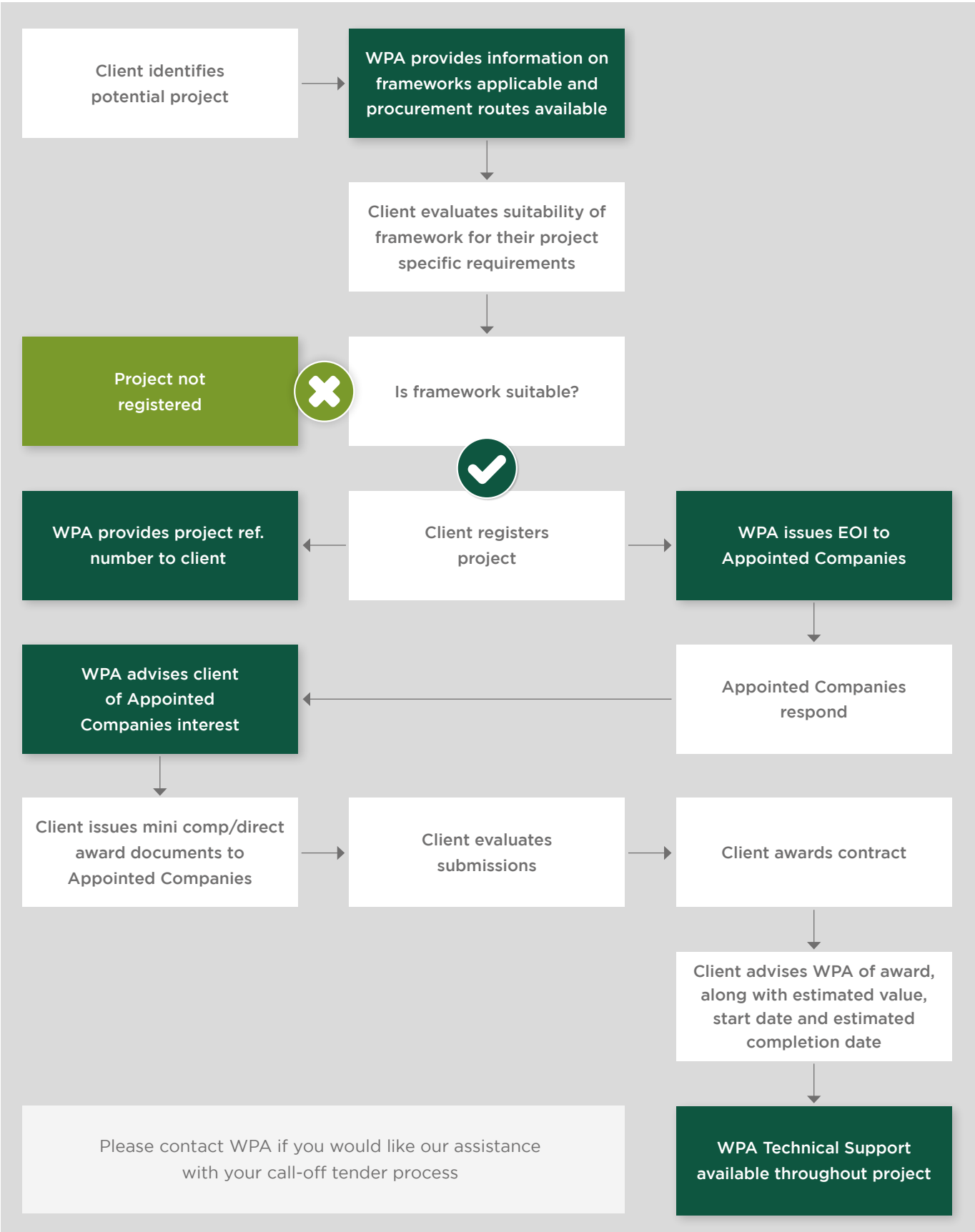
Details of those contracting authorities identified are listed at:
www.welshprocurement.cymru/who-we-work-with/

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

LHC uses the FAC-1 standard form of contract to manage our frameworks. The LHC pro forma, which should be read in conjunction with the FAC-1 in published form, details the terms and conditions that govern the operation of the framework, including the procedures to call off projects under

the framework. A free copy of the LHC proforma is available upon request. The FAC-1 in standard published form can be purchased at a negotiated rate from ACA, by emailing office@acarchitects.co.uk and quoting discount code reference: LHCFAC2516102017.

THE PROCESS OF USING OUR FRAMEWORK





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