

Energy Buying Group

Water Update

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Agenda

- The Water Market to Date
- Developments in the 2021 Framework
- Invitation for Feedback











The Water Market to Date

- Substantial development in service provision
 - Improved portal provision
 - Increased ancillary service provision (including AMR)
 - Further options for customisation of service
- The importance of running mini-tenders
 - Options for contractually stipulating the service required
 - Reduced risk premium in pricing











Market Issues

- Decreasing default level of service
- Adverse terms and conditions
- Retailers reluctant to take risks











Market Changes

Retail Margin 2.5%

Retail Costs 4.5%

Retail Margin 10.5%

Retail Costs 4.5%

Wholesale Costs 93%

Water treatment, networks, pumping, storage.....

Wholesale Costs 85%

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- PR19 Increased retail margins in most areas
- But COVID 19 struck at the same time
 - Retailers are struggling financially
 - Resulting reductions in customer service provision
- Retailers are now prepared to turn down business

Pre April 2020

Post April 2020











Existing LASER Framework

- Mini-tenders used to contractually stipulate customer requirements
- Five Retailers:











- Currently 37 Participating Authorities
- ~£19m spend per annum
- Framework extension until April 2022











2021 Water Framework

- Standardising terms and conditions of supply
- Direct award option, giving greater certainty and faster switching.
- Customer access to market innovations.
- Improved evaluation of retailer's capabilities.











Water Invoice Validation

- The importance of data provision
- Water management
 - Bill Validation
 - Consumption Monitoring

- Reporting





















