

## Welsh Government

The UK Steel Charter was launched alongside Welsh Government at the Shotton Steelworks in early May. Welsh Government has long been committed to a thriving steel industry, indeed the Welsh Procurement Advice Note was drawn upon in the writing of our Charter and Guidance.

In signing the Charter, Welsh Government has committed to the following:

- ✓ Develop a pipeline of future steel requirements in Wales
- ✓ Require the origin of all steel used in future Welsh Government projects to be provided
- ✓ Advertise clearly all future opportunities for the supply of steel in Wales
- ✓ Engage early on in projects with steel producers and supply chains
- ✓ Appoint a 'UK Supply Chain Champion' to manage engagement with the steel sector
- ✓ Stipulate British steel standards within project requirements

Speaking at the launch, Welsh Economy and Transport Minister, Ken Skates, said:

*“Wales is synonymous with the production of excellent quality steel, something Welsh Government has fought tirelessly to support over recent years.*

*“This Steel Charter further demonstrates our commitment to the industry. It is a well thought out, workable commitment from us as both supporters and procurers of Welsh steel, providing some much needed certainty to the industry here and ensuring our projects benefit from the use of high quality, British steel wherever possible.*

*“The Charter fully compliments our 2018 Procurement Advice Note supporting the sourcing of steel and, as we look to help further future proof the production of steel here, I call on Governments and public sector procurers from across the UK to look closely at how they too could play their part in ensuring we step up our support for the British steel industry.”*



### Further information:

On Welsh Government procurement guidelines, see <https://gov.wales/public-procurement-steel>

On the UK Steel Charter, email [Gskelton@MakeUK.org](mailto:Gskelton@MakeUK.org)