

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance Introduced by the Executive Member (Resources)	Executive Member Decision	29.9.21

Delivery of Social Value Through Procurement – Social Value Policy

Purpose of report

- The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the implementation of the Social Value Portal and to seek approval to implement the draft Social Value Policy included at Appendix A.

Recommendation(s)

- That the progress made to date is noted.
- That the draft Social Value policy included at appendix A is adopted

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Reasons for recommendation(s)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- The draft Social Value (SV) Policy sets out the Council’s rationale and approach to the delivery of SV through Procurement. The SV Act states that SV requested in procurements must be relevant to the procurement. The draft SV Policy provides the “golden thread” between the Council’s corporate strategy and procurements.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- Not to implement a Social Value policy

Corporate priorities

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	x	A strong local economy	x
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities	x	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	x

Background

7. It has previously been agreed to adopt the Social Value Portal (SVP) under a shared arrangement with South Ribble Borough Council, to facilitate delivery of SV through procurement using TOMs (Themes, Outcomes and Measures). Implementation and training is currently underway and the system is anticipated to be live by the end of September.
8. "Local" has initially been defined for TOMs measurement of social value impacts in both CBC and SRBC procurements as "Central Lancashire" balancing the desire to localise social impact with a workable procurement footprint. This is not fixed and can be reviewed moving forward.
9. The SV Act states that social value requested in procurements must be relevant to the procurement. A draft SV Policy has been drafted which provides the "golden thread" between the Council's corporate strategy and procurements.
10. The previous EMD included the contract types, thresholds and weightings to apply and these are included at page 6 of the draft SV Policy.
11. The standard weighting for SV will be a minimum 15% of the overall evaluation for all construction and services Contracts above £100,000 and 5% for other contracts above £100,000, excluding Consultancy and IT contracts which are to be considered on a case by case basis. Where it is feasible and beneficial, the SV weightings may be higher than the specified minimum.
12. Approval for proposed evaluation criteria and weightings shall be obtained as required by the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules. This is currently Cabinet or, in cases of urgency, EMD approval for all procurements above £100,000.
13. Where it is believed that the nature of the procurement may not realise sufficient SV to justify the standard minimum SV weighting, then Cabinet or EMD approval for the recommended approach for SV will be sought for relevant procurements above £100,000.
14. Procurements conducted through framework agreements will need to comply with the framework process including evaluation criteria boundaries and as such, where framework agreements are used it may not always be possible to apply the above.

Implications of report

15. Implementation of the Social Value Policy will generate positive measurable, economic, social and environmental value impacts which will help to deliver the vision and priorities included within the council's Corporate Strategy
16. No adverse impacts have been identified through completion of an Integrated Impact Assessment
17. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	x	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	x
Legal	x	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	x
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	x

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

18. Social Value will form an element of the weighting on future tenders. As a result this will impact the scores and outcomes. Financial implications of this will be included within the relevant reporting for each procurement exercise.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

19. There are no issues of concern from a Monitoring Officer perspective. This is a project of real importance to the council. We have made good progress already in ensuring that social value considerations are given appropriate weight in procurement – this is the next stage in that process.

Chris Moister
Director of Governance

Background Papers		
Document	Date	File
Delivery of Social Value through Procurement EMD	5 October 21	ModGov Decision

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Janet Hinds	5622	28.9.21

Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.



_____ Dated 22.10.21 _____

Councillor Peter Wilson
Executive Member (Resources)