

**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Review of Integration of Social Value to BDC Policy and Delivery – Post-Scrutiny Monitoring**

**Report of the Chair of Local Growth Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Chair of Local Growth Scrutiny Committee/Scrutiny Officer

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

- To present the Interim Post-Scrutiny Monitoring report on the recent Review of Integration of Social Value to BDC Policy and Delivery to Local Growth Scrutiny Committee.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 The Local Growth Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Review of Integration of Social Value to BDC Policy and Delivery, as part of the 2021/22 Work Programme.
- 1.2 This review came at a time when the Council was under increasing pressure to not only ensure value for money from investments, but also to secure additional benefits and impact from programmes and developments. Development of our approach to Social Value and implementation of a Social Value Policy supports key objectives within the Business Growth Strategy.
- 1.3 Members welcomed the opportunity to work with fellow scrutiny Members in Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee in reviewing the Council's approach to how social value outcomes are evaluated and Member's hope the new software tool will allow the council to evidence its outcomes more clearly to residents and partners.

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The Committee put together six recommendations which will hopefully assist the Council in embedding social value in to the wider policy structures and operational delivery of the Council.
- 2.2 This report acknowledges progress to date by officers implementing the recommendations.
- 2.3 To date 3 out of 6 recommendations have been achieved and 3 are overdue. The overdue recommendations are all actions that will be achieved upon formal approval of the Social Value Policy which is currently being prepared by the Partnership Team. It is intended that a draft Social Value policy will be brought to Local Growth Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with a view to it receiving final approval by Executive on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024. A final monitoring report will be brought to this committee once the policy has been approved.

## **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Council's Constitution.
- 3.2 Members must note Executive's response to the review recommendations and agree to review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report is submitted at six and twelve months' intervals, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service's response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Council's Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
2. That Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:** The purchase of the new Social Value evaluation tool has been subject to a separate decision process and the costs are accounted for.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):**            Yes             No

**Details:** In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in Part 1A, s9F(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.

The Council has a statutory duty under s.149 Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and to eliminate discrimination.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Environment:**

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

**Details:** Through the new social value evaluation tool, the Council will monitor the environmental social value outcomes from the Council's routine service delivery and targeted development programmes.

**Staffing:**            Yes             No

**Details:** There are no staffing implications from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

**DECISION INFORMATION**

<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p><b>Revenue - £75,000</b>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <b>Capital - £150,000</b>   <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	<p>No</p>

<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SLT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Members</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes  Details: Relevant Service Managers and Portfolio Holder engaged during the review process.

<b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</b>
<p>The review supports all three of the Corporate Ambitions:</p> <p>Our Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with partners to support enterprise, innovation, jobs and skills</li> </ul> <p>Our Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing our carbon footprint and supporting residents and businesses to reduce their footprint</li> <li>Actively engaging with partners to benefit our communities</li> </ul> <p>Our Customers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actively engaging with partners to benefit our customers</li> <li>Promoting equality and diversity and supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people</li> </ul> <p>Development of our approach to Social Value and implementation of a Social Value Policy will support Corporate target ECO.01 - Deliver a Business Growth Strategy by March 2021 that will support enterprise, innovation, jobs and skills and makes the best use of our assets.</p>

<b>DOCUMENT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
11.1	App.1 PSM Review of Integration of Social Value FINAL – Original Recommendations and Executive Response
11.2	App2. PSM Review of Integration of Social Value – Final Report

<b>Background Papers</b>
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
Please contact Scrutiny & Elections Officer where further information is required.