

Bolsover District Council

Local Growth Scrutiny Committee on 3rd September 2024

Social Value Policy

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Growth

Classification	This report is Public.
Report By	Jim Fieldsend, Director of Corporate and Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To approve the Social Value Policy
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REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 On 3rd October 2022, the Executive approved six recommendations from the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee intended to assist the Council in embedding social value into the wider policy structures and operational delivery of the Council.
- 1.2 One of the recommendations was to adopt a Social Value Policy. Another recommendation was that all procurements over £75,000 will be required to demonstrate social value outcomes as part of the tender, evaluation and delivery processes. In addition, when evaluation contract bids the standard weighting for social value should be a minimum of 10% of the overall evaluation score.
- 1.3 The Procurement and Partnership teams have worked together and produced the attached draft policy which incorporates the recommendations of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee referred to above.
- 1.4 The attached policy provides a framework for ensuring the Council meets its obligations under the Social Value Act 2012. It is also anticipated that this will be built on following the introduction of the Procurement Act 2023 (in force from October 2024) with a requirements for contracting authorities to maximize public benefit and a shift from looking for the “most economically advantage tender” to “most advantageous tender”. The policy will therefore be one that is under constant review with both Procurement and Partnership playing key roles in its development.

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The draft policy is to be presented to the Executive on 9th September 2024. In accordance with the policy approval procedure this policy is being reported to Local Growth Scrutiny Committee for comment. Any comments from the committee will be reported verbally at the Executive.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 None

RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider the attached Social Value Policy and provide comments to the Executive.

Approved by Councillor John Ritchie Portfolio Holder for Growth

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 states:

“The authority must consider:

(a) how what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the relevant area

(b) how, in conducting the process of procurement, it might act with a view to securing that improvement.”

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:

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? 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: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.

- Making the best use of our assets.
- Ensuring financial sustainability and increasing revenue streams.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Draft Social Value Policy (TO FOLLOW)

Background Papers

(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).