

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Commercial Services Committee
Date: 28 February 2023
Reporting officer: Lisa Nyon - Assistant Director (Corporate Services)
Subject: Social Value Policy

Purpose and summary of report:

To present Members of the Commercial Services Committee with the Council's social value policy.

Recommendations:

1. The committee is invited to consider and comment on the Social Value Policy.

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 legally obliges us to consider how procurement and delivery of contracts might secure additional social value for their area. This legal obligation, however, applies only to high-value contracts that are predominantly for services, not to supplies or works.
Finance and Value for Money	There are no significant costs associated with the monitoring of social value as this will be done via contract managers and presented through quarterly reporting.
Corporate Plan	The council's adopted Corporate Plan sets the strategic ambition and objectives for the authority over the 2019-23 period. Any spend arising from Social Value must be aligned to the council's corporate plan and objectives
Climate Change	Climate change as a strategic theme underpins the projects, initiatives and work involved in the delivery of the council's Corporate Plan. As a core policy commitment of the council, efforts in this area are represented within corporate objective #1: People. Social Value contribution could provide or deliver activity that contributes to the Council's Climate Change Strategy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Social value can take many forms. It can see contractors' staff volunteering in our communities or making their buildings available to host community events; it can be committing to take on local young people as apprentices, create jobs, or pledging to use local suppliers. Or it could be taking positive action to help us meet our target of becoming a net zero Borough by 2030.
- 1.2 A draft social value policy was presented to this committee on 1 March 2022 and following this meeting was adopted by the Council. It was agreed that the Social Value Policy would be considered by members of the Commercial Services Cabinet Committee on an annual basis.
- 1.3 This policy forms a key part of the council's procurement framework and supports the current Procurement Strategy by documenting how the council will consider social value in its procurement activity. It also supports our Corporate Plan in delivering a Gravesham to be proud of under the heading of #progress.

2. Social Value Principles

- 2.1 The Social Value Policy follows these key principles:-
 - To achieve more of our strategic aims at no extra cost
 - Complying with legislative requirements and council values
 - Being open and transparent in procurement by formally and consistently considering social value
 - Improving local social, economic and environmental wellbeing when procuring contracts
 - Championing social value at the council
 - Build a shared understanding of social value within the council and its partner organisations.
 - Any spend arising from social value must be aligned to the council's corporate plan and objectives.
- 2.2 This policy will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis with significant updates requiring further Member approval.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 The following documents are to be published with the report:

Appendix 1: Draft Social Value Policy

4. Background papers

- None

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	No significant risks identified.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>
	a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data ? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links. No.
	b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? N/A
	c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk . N/A
Equality Impact Assessment	a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No.
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. No.
	<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>
Crime and Disorder	N/A
Digital and website implications	The policy is to be made available on the Council's webpage
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	N/A