

In April 2013 Cabinet approved a Social Value Policy through which it would conduct its commissioning activities.

The revised _____ described here sets out the key principles and actions whereby the Council embeds practical and effective _____ in every aspect of its procurement and grants, commencing (as the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires) at the pre-procurement stage.

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 states:

“If a relevant authority proposes to procure or make arrangements for procuring the provision of services, or the provision of services together with the purchase or hire of goods or the carrying out of works...the authority must consider how what is proposed to be procured might improve the _____ of the relevant area and, in conducting the process of procurement, how it might act with a view to securing that improvement.” It must also “consider whether to undertake any consultations as to matters to be considered” under that process.

For the purposes of this policy we refer to this _____ as _____ . In order to implement this we seek measurable and verifiable that:

- (i) are relevant to what is proposed to be procured and proportionate to the contract / grant value,
- (ii) can legitimately be included in contract / grant specifications and
- (iii) contribute to achieving the C

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We want a city that invests in its people so that everyone can have opportunities to realise their potential through lifelong learning, skills and good jobs. We want to invest in the buildings and transport connections of our city to provide better places to live and work and enable businesses to prosper. HS2 will be a

In order to prioritise effort and achieve greater social value, a tiered approach is used to apply the Charter. The tiers have been determined following an assessment of our implementation to date:

Contracts value	<PCR15 Threshold	>PCR15 Threshold
Grants	<£200,000	>£200,000

PCR15 thresholds are published by Crown Commercial Services and are subject to change.

Both tiers require the payment of the Real Living Wage according to the Council's Living Wage policy and rules governing the Real Living Wage as stipulated by the Living Wage Foundation.

Contracts in tier 1 are encouraged to complete at least 1 project from the Match My Project portal for the duration of the contract.

Tier 2 contracts require the full consideration of social value and application of the BBC4SR including the delivery of at least 1 project which is relevant to the social value outcomes sought through the contract and where possible from the Match My Project portal, per year.

The Council will embed a clear and unambiguous message about its intention to secure social value through commissioning and procurement.

On commencement of every commissioning

The Council will report on the social value outcomes achieved through its commissioning and procurement activities annually, ensuring that this report