

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 28 March 2022

**Report Title**

Social Value Annual Report

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

Yes

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

Since the Council adopted the Social Value Policy in 2019, significant progress has been made to secure social value commitments as part of the Council's contracts alongside having achieved accreditation as a "Living Wage Employer" by the Living Wage Foundation.

This 2022 annual report sets out the key achievements over the year to end of November 2021 and identifies priority areas of work for 2022. These priorities will further embed social value to secure the best possible outcomes and returns for the people of Rotherham.

## **Recommendations**

1. That the annual report is received noting the increased social value commitments along with outcomes achieved.
2. That the key priorities for 2022 include:
  - a. Launch of the Social Value Commissioning Toolkit to be held in May.
  - b. Further embedding Social Value across the Council.
  - c. Focus on increasing social value commitments for skills and employment.
  - d. Engagement with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority in development and delivery of social value in the sub-region.
  - e. Building on anchor network development as part of the Rotherham Together Partnership Social Value Charter.
  - f. Further research to build local market intelligence.

## **List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Initial Equality Screening Assessment

Appendix 2 Carbon Impact Assessments

## **Background Papers**

Cabinet Report – Social Value Policy, 21st October 2019

<http://modgov-p-db/documents/s123000/Social%20Value%20Policy.pdf>

Cabinet Report – Social Value Annual Report, 15th February 2021

<http://modgov-p-db/documents/s129696/Social%20Value%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

## **Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

No

## **Council Approval Required**

No

## **Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Social Value Annual Report**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 15 February 2021 Cabinet received the first social value annual report since adoption of the Social Value Policy in 2019. The report set out the achievement to date, which at that time was securing social value commitments through contract procurement at just over 10% of the contract values let.
- 1.2 As part of the report, Cabinet agreed commitments for the coming year to advance the social value agenda. These were:
- The strategic approach to “Social Value by Design” to embed existing best practice within the Council including the production of a Social Value Commissioning Toolkit.
  - Support the approach to Community Wealth Building with priority actions for the year ahead taking forward:
    - Real Living Wage accreditation.
    - Achieving Social Value aligned to working towards “Excellent” under the Equality Framework for Local Government.
    - Progressing the Rotherham Together Partnership Social Value Charter into the development of Anchor Networks.
  - Work with the Mayoral Combined Authority to promote and develop Social Value for the Sheffield City Region.
  - Holding a workshop event in the summer of 2021 to explore further Community Wealth Building options.
  - Engagement in the CLES Community Wealth Building Centre of Excellence.
- 1.3 This report provides an update on progress made towards realising social value and sets out direction for priority actions and action over the coming year.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 To further Social Value in Rotherham, the Council resolved in October 2019 to adopt a Social Value Policy together with a toolkit for its delivery.
- 2.2 The aim of the Social Value Policy is to maximise the local impact of the Council’s spend, with key elements taking forward:
- Raising the living standards of Rotherham residents and commitment to working towards the Living Wage Foundation Living Wage.
  - Increasing the proportion of the Council’s expenditure which goes to local businesses and providers.
  - Building social value into all council contracts and maximise the impact gained from every pound spent, through the introduction of a rigorous system for assessing and measuring social value.
  - Commit to the principle of co-designing services wherever possible.

### 2.3 Major achievements

- 2.4 The Council has either achieved or made progress against all of the commitments agreed in February 2021. Significantly, these include:
- The Social Value Commissioning Toolkit is in the final stages of development and about to be rolled out.
  - Accreditation as a “Living Wage Employer” was awarded in September.
  - Anchor networks development is underway with key partners building on the commitments from the partnership Social Value Charter.
  - The Council is positively engaged in the development of social value policy and practice in the MCA
  - A workshop was held to explore further community wealth building opportunities.
  - An event has been held to engage with suppliers. This provided real examples of good practice in social value. The event will be repeated on an annual basis.

### 2.5 Procurement update – Social Value Portal

Under the Council’s adopted policy, social value is determined and measured using the national “themes outcomes measures” (TOMS) framework. This enables a monetary calculation of how much social value has been secured in contracts, with the delivery of this closely monitored throughout the life of the contract. This approach ensures that where contracts are multi-year that social value is delivered over the lifetime of the contract, rather than in single action or contribution.

- 2.6 The National TOMs Framework (2021) is a measurement framework that was developed by the National Social Value Task Force, a cross-sector organisation combining both public and private sector organisations. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council has developed its own bespoke measurement framework comprising 36 measures, across 5 themes, derived from the National TOMs (2021), designed to have a positive impact on the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the Rotherham community:
- Jobs: Promote Local Skills and Employment.
  - Growth: Supporting Growth of Local and Small Business.
  - Social: Healthier, Safer and more Resilient Communities.
  - Environment: Protecting and Improving Our Environment.
  - Innovation: Promoting Social Innovation.

- 2.7 The table below sets out the key KPI measures that the Council’s suppliers have committed and delivered against on contracts that have been procured and awarded since the implementation of the Social Value Policy up to 30th November 2021. Most current contracts were awarded prior the implementation of the Policy, so are not reflected in the table. Consequently, the values should not be considered to be exhaustive.

Ref	Measure	Committed & Delivered Social and Local Economic Value					
		Unit	Proxy Value	Committed Number	Committed £SLEV	Delivered Number	Delivered £SLEV
NT1 / NT1a / NT1c	No. of local employees hired or retained	No. People FTE	Localised by project	158.58	£4,279,573	31.01	£814,725
NT3	No. of employees hired who are long term unemployed.	No. People FTE	£19,145.88	5	£96,720	1.5	£28,447
NT4	No. of employees who are NEETs	No. People FTE	£13,889.49	1.5	£20,454	3	£40,908
NT4a	No. of 16-25 y.o. care leavers	No. People FTE	£13,956.88	0.99	£13,499	0	£0
NT5a	No. of 18-24 y.o. rehabilitating young offenders	No. People FTE	£22,480.36	2.37	£52,523	0	£0
NT6	No. of disabled employees	No. People FTE	£15,387.93	1.01	£15,317	0	£0
NT7	No. of hours dedicated to support people into work (over 24 y.o.)	No. hrs (total session duration)*no. attendees	£118.87	576	£70,738	36	£4,552
NT9	No. of weeks training opportunities	No. weeks	£265.17	397	£105,508	20	£5,168
NT10	No. of weeks of apprenticeships	No. weeks	£210.07	424	£89,438	43	£8,917
NT11	No. of hours dedicated to support people into work (under 24 y.o.)	No. hrs (total session duration)*no. attendees	£118.87	3,595	£410,145	221.75	£27,856
NT12	No. of weeks spent on meaning work placements or pre-employment course	No. weeks	£160.47	135	£21,605	69.6	£11,012
NT13	Meaningful work placements that pay Minimum or National Living Wage	No. weeks	£160.47	106	£16,771	36	£5,696
NT15	Provision of expert business advice to VCSE's or MSME's	No. staff expert hours	£97.03	177	£16,548	10	£961
NT16	Equipment or resources donated to VCSEs	£	£1	63,396	£63,396	5,268	£5,268
NT18	Total amount (£) spent in LOCAL supply chain	£	£0.46	5,054,048	£2,662,862	982,756	£518,895
NT28	Monetary donation or equipment/resource in lieu to VCSEs	£	£1	14,000	£14,000	0	£0
NT58	No. of employees FTE to have a pay raise to Real living wage or higher	No. People FTE	£1,396	1.15	£1,605	0	£0
NT31	Savings in Co2 emissions through decarbonisation	tCo2e	£69.50	2,558.04	£178,263	883.8	£61,291
		<b>Total</b>	<b>*2021 TOMS</b>		<b>£8,148,668</b>		<b>£1,533,671</b>



- 2.8 The total Social and Local Economic Value (SLEV) committed shows an increase from £1.4 million in the first year to £8.14 million in year two, a net increase of £6.74 million over the year. The total contract value attracting social value shows an increase from £14.10 million in the first year to £79.89m in year two, a net increase of £65.79 million over the first year. This continues to represent 10.2% social value outcomes committed.
- 2.9 Of the three categories, “places” has seen the largest increase of £4.5 million over the year with “people” achieving £2.04 million increase and the “corporate” increase at £107k.

#### Promote Local Skills and Employment



**5** FTE of long term unemployment individuals to be hired on contracts.



**397** weeks of training opportunities to be offered on contracts (BTEC, City & guilds, NVQ, HNC)



**£410k** to be delivered in dedicated hours to support young people into work.

#### Protecting and Improving our environment

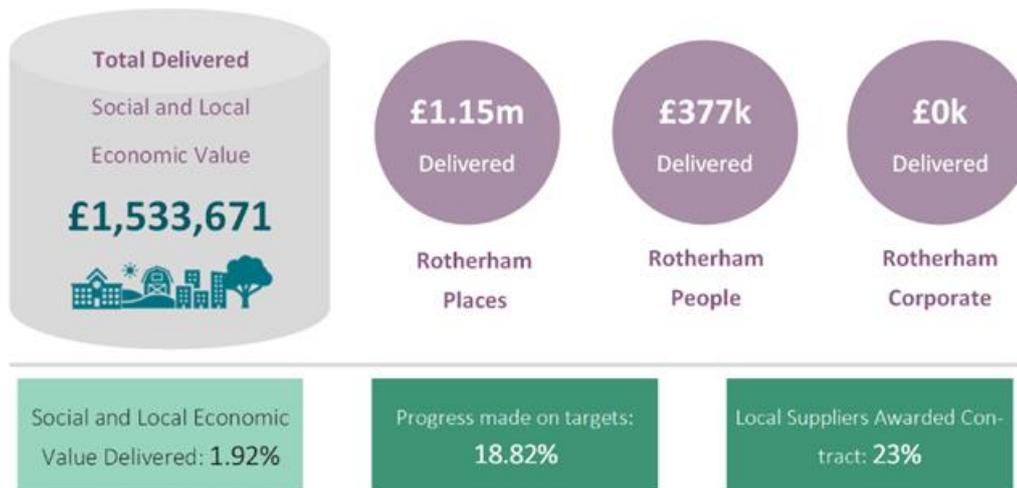
**2558** tonnes CO2e to be saved on contract.



- 2.10 Key commitments for “promoting local skills and employment” include training weeks committed increasing from 53 to 397 and supporting young people increasing from £40k to £410k. It should be noted that the five “long term unemployed” is a specific commitment under the TOMs and not the number of “local employees” which is included in commitment NT1.
- 2.11 Tonnes of CO2e saved have increased from 4.04 to 2,558 marking a significant improvement in moving towards the Council’s “net zero” commitments and target.



2.12 Increases in support and value for local VCSE and community groups has seen increases in equipment and resources from £28.5k to £63.3k and local economic value from the supply chain increasing from £239k to £2.6m. The latter is driven by the increased value of contracts awarded in the last year.



2.13 The November 2021 report from the Social Value Portal is the first to include outcomes and outputs delivered. Whilst reported as percentages of the overall commitments, the outcomes will relate more to the first-year commitments than the second. Reflecting the value of commitments, “places has delivered the largest outcomes at £1.15 million. “Corporate” is yet to achieve any returns, however, this is against a small commitment of £140k, of which only £33k was committed through contracts awarded in the first year. Delivery against commitments in the “Corporate” category will commence in the coming year.

2.14 Progress on commitments up to November 2021 shows 18.82% of total targets delivered and that local suppliers have been awarded 23% of contracts.

### Promote Local Skills and Employment



**£814k** of local economic value delivered on contracts through local employment in Rotherham



**43 weeks** of apprenticeships delivered on contracts Level 2,3, or 4+



**£4.5k** delivered in social value for support to assist unem-ployed individuals (over 24 y.o.) into work.

### Protecting and Improving our environment

**£61k** of social value generated by saving tonnes of CO2e on con-tracts.



- 2.15 Achievements of note in “promoting local skills and employment” are the local economic value of contracts through local employment; apprenticeships; and support to young people. This includes £814k value through contracts with 43 weeks of apprenticeships and £4.5k of social value supporting unemployed into work.

### Supporting VCSE's & Community Groups



### Local Spend in Rotherham

**£518k** of local economic value has been delivered as a result of local supply chain on contracts.



### 2.16 Case Studies

- 2.17 Case studies have also been produced to demonstrate social value outcomes against contract commitments. Whilst the reporting of social value using the TOMS demonstrates calculated contract percentage values, these case studies seek to demonstrate the outcomes in tangible terms of benefit to numbers of local people etc.

### 2.18 Repairs and Maintenance Contractor Mears' Social Value Highlights since Contract Commencement

- 2.19 Apprentices - a total of eleven apprentices have been recruited between Mears and regular subcontractors. These include two electricians, two joiners and a multi-trade working directly for Mears; together with two Quantity Surveyors, three Roofers and an electrician working for two major subcontractors. There are two Quantity Surveyor trainees employed by Mears who are continuing with their studies and undertaking a degree qualification in this field. They are also in the process of recruiting on a Traineeship for a Commercial Assistant role with a view to progressing to an apprenticeship vacancy. Plans are in the early stages for hosting an

Apprentice Open Day in March 2022 in preparation for a new intake in Sep 2022.

2.20 New Job Opportunities - since the start of the contract, Mears have provided eighteen new permanent opportunities with two current live vacancies. They have also recruited two people on the Kickstart programme who it is hoped to progress to permanent roles.

2.21 Schools Engagement - a number of virtual mock interview sessions have been hosted with both St Pius and St Bernard's schools. Overall, a total of 115 students have undertaken a mock virtual interview which supports their development in the Careers & Enterprise arena. Mears have also carried out careers events with RNN Group, RUCST, Wales High School.

2.22 Mears Foundation – Mears have been fortunate to secure funding for Age UK Rotherham for two projects in 2021, an autumn garden party for local elderly residents held at Clifton Park, the annual Christmas Lunch for Age UK service users and the gifts for delivery to those unable to attend the lunch, and also funding to enable them to secure Cold Weather Packs for a second year for vulnerable local tenants. Mears Foundation have also provided a bench which was recently installed at Swinburne Place and a quantity of unbranded clothing from our supplier which was recently donated to Shiloh.

2.23 Repairs and Maintenance Contractor Engie's Social Value Highlights since Contract Commencement

2.24 Overview:

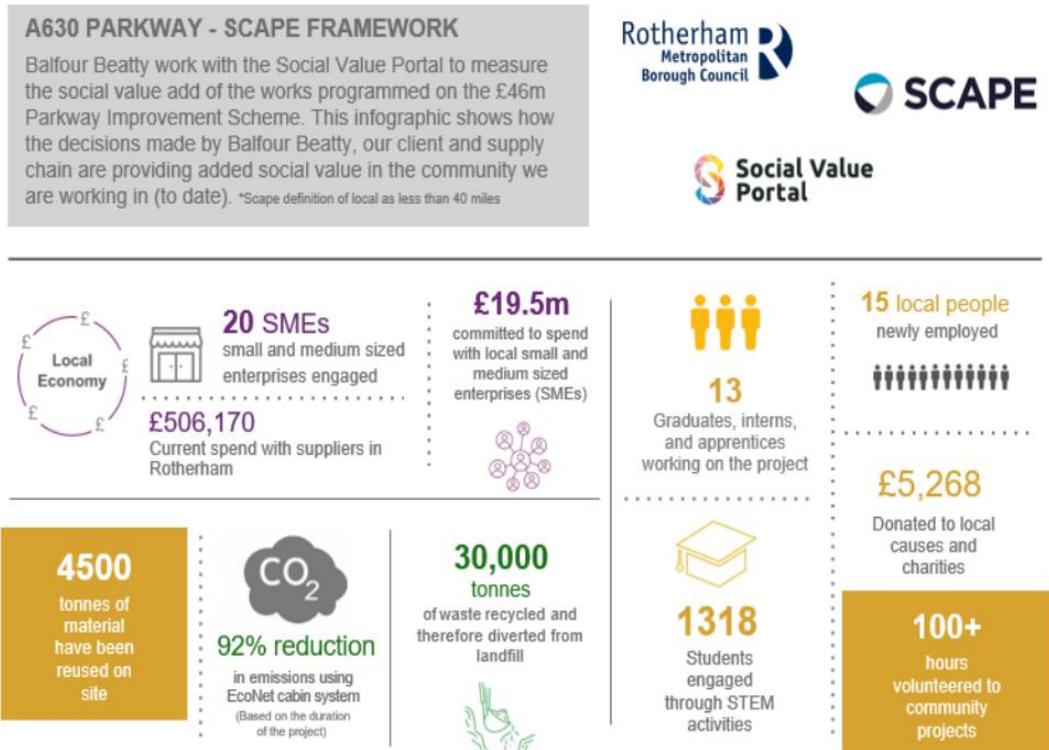
- £1.3 million of Social Value delivered from the commencement of the Engie contract in April 2020. £955k of this being delivered January '21 – October 2021 following the significant easing of lockdown.
- 18 individuals progressed into employment.
- 20 new apprenticeships.
- 11 safeguarded apprenticeships.
- 6 Site Visits.
- 56 School / College workshops.
- 12 Work Experience placements.
- 2497 Short Courses undertaken.

2.25 Investing in the future:

- 11 Apprenticeships Safeguarded following TUPE transfer.
- 12 Apprentices recruited to work directly for ENGIE since April 2020.
- Trade Based apprentices recruited following a 2-day recruitment event held in conjunction with RNN College.
- An apprentice Gas Engineer awarded both the Rotherham Apprentice of the Year as well as the G4C Yorkshire Apprentice of the Year award
- Commitment remains to providing ten apprenticeship opportunities for each year of the contract.
- Planning to take place in early 2022 for next year's Apprentice Recruitment event.

2.26 The A630 upgrade is also reporting significant social value:

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2.27 Target Housing Rough Sleeper Initiative funded Queen Street service

2.28 The contracted provision is an eight unit accommodation service, comprising of a seven bed emergency accommodation and assessment hub with scope to provide one additional bed space as an interim emergency night bed, for single people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping, provided by Target Housing.

2.29 The number of local direct employees (FTE) hired or retained is currently at 66.67% of target and all staff are paid above living wage. When setting up the service the provider advertised through local channels, including Voluntary Action Rotherham, and a team of three people were appointed, who were residents of Rotherham. One team member had been long-term unemployed and had experienced a period of homelessness prior to being appointed by Target Housing. Following their experience and support they received working on the team, they have since been successful in applying for another role within the organisation, supporting the Housing First provision (which is also commissioned by the Council).

2.30 Although there have been limitations in the ability to source meaningful work placements and pre-employment courses throughout the pandemic, the provider has engaged all service users with weekly dedicated sessions to look at work aspirations and options and has achieved 90% of this target. This client group includes people who are furthest from the jobs market, with

complex needs and a history of rough sleeping. By dedicating time to deliver this support, the provider is able to give them the tools and resources to take their first steps into employment. Where applicable some service users have enrolled onto ESOL courses and one service user had also been appointed on a voluntary basis as a cleaner for the hostel, widening his experience for his CV and future employment opportunities.

### 2.31 **Other learning from experience**

2.32 The Council is also seeking to learn from its own experiences across Directorates. This year, each Directorate has been asked to provide a brief update on its activities. Key learning experience gained and learning points include:

- The council's first social value event celebrating the achievements from the council and its partners. This event showcased how social value helps our local economy thrive by creating employment opportunities for local people and championing local businesses.
- Collaboration with CLES in 2020 helped produce a report breaking down 3rd party spend before and after our social policy was active. The Council having a social value policy grew local 3rd party spend in 2019/20 with further growth expected in 2020/21 showcasing the positive effect social value has in our borough.
- The approach has brought additional value to the core contract requirements and supported the Council's strategic ambitions in delivering the Year Ahead Plan in a range of areas.
- Through the social value portal, there are three housing contracts in place where circa £590k of social value has been committed as targets, with £229k achieved so far. These include the organisation having worked with the Council's own Pathways Rotherham scheme and employed 3 individuals who had previously been NEET. In addition, through the same Pathways Rotherham, the organisation spent 9 hours interviewing candidates at Riverside House, Rotherham and coaching them afterwards on their technique. Including full feedback in written form on their performance.
- Although the Housing Repairs and Maintenance contracts were procured prior to the Social Value Policy being adopted social value is still captured.
- For transport spend, many of the mechanisms for Social Value are designed by supply chain partners either regionally or nationally. The Council has begun work with suppliers to encourage them to deliver outcomes in the Rotherham area. Although this does pose challenges, there has generally been a positive response and work continues to increase local social value.

### 2.33 **Key actions / developments going forward**

#### 2.34 Social Value Commissioning Toolkit

2.35 The Social Value Commissioning Toolkit is in the final stages of development and it will support the economic, environmental, and social benefits to be considered throughout the commissioning and procurement process.

- 2.36 The toolkit will encourage commissioners to be creative and discover how benefits can be realised when a new commissioning activity/need is identified. It aims to drive the ethos of “social value by design” which is emphasised in service plans throughout the organisation.
- 2.37 The Social Value Commissioning Toolkit has a particular focus when commissioners consider:
- Business Case - Establish the business case in line with wider strategic priorities where social value outcomes can be achieved.
  - Equality Analysis to support commissioning and procurement to evidence meeting the needs of Rotherham’s citizens and identify areas where Social Value can be added.
  - Resources - The use of resources by targeting by securing the best possible outcomes within the resources available.
  - Mechanism - Choose the right mechanism to procure – to best achieve Social Value traditional procurement, grants, service level agreements, etc.
  - Partnering opportunities i.e., the Public Sector and VCS or collaborative commissioning and procurement.
  - Outcomes-based commissioning including engaging people accessing services.
  - Techniques of co-production and resource mobilisation.
  - Optimising social capital.
  - Market supplier development and capacity building.
- 2.38 The Social Value Commissioning Toolkit will be presented in a digital format available on the website to allow easy revision and to ensure it remains contemporary. It is planned to be live by April 2022.
- 2.39 Support and guidance will be produced to assist commissioners in their role and build expertise in the Council as part of the roll-out of the toolkit.
- 2.40 Further embedding Social Value across the Council
- 2.41 As the approach to delivering social value moves forward, there is the need to further embed the processes into management and reporting on contracts to give confidence in securing the social value outcomes. Support for further embedding will be a priority for the coming year.
- 2.42 Anchor networks
- 2.43 During the last year, a procurement anchor network has been developed with representation from the Council, The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, the Yorkshire & Humber Police Forces, Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) and the Mayoral Combined Authority Executive. The group has spent much of this year sharing knowledge and best practice with an aim to ensure a common approach and understanding of Social Value is achieved across the borough. Work is actively ongoing to baseline spend information across all

partners so that there is a common metric to measure impact of future work and activity the group seeks to take forward.

2.44 Living wage

2.45 Following award of accreditation as a Living Wage Employer, the Council now needs to ensure that all contracts are and remain compliant. To progress this further, work is now being undertaken to assess the level of compliance within current contracts. A survey of contractors is being undertaken. This will provide the necessary information to identify where forward action is required to secure compliance.

2.46 The Council is able to promote its living wage accreditation and use “Living Wage” branded materials. A plaque has been unveiled to publicise the Council’s Living Wage status.

2.47 Social Value communications and webpage

2.48 A dedicated Social Value webpage has been created and continues to develop as the Council’s knowledge, understanding and application of Social Value grows. The content provides a range of information to support organisations in submitting social value proposals through the tender process. As such much of the website is heavily procurement focussed therefore inclusion of the content from the commissioning toolkit will be a positive addition.

2.49 Subregional including MCA

2.50 The Social value ‘contract’ for South Yorkshire is being developed as part of a wider work programme around inclusion; the contract being the first practical element of this work to be brought forward (most recently discussed at the November Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) board).

2.51 The contract would require any organisation seeking funds from the MCA to make a number of social value commitments.

2.52 The draft contract builds on work carried out by the Centre for Decent Work at Sheffield Management School. It groups potential commitments into eight focus areas:

- Local supply chains.
- Community.
- Rewards and contracts.
- Environment.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Employee voice and participation.
- Inclusion and diversity.
- Education, training and progression.

2.53 Following discussion at the LEP board, further work is being undertaken to refine the proposals. When completed, approval will be sought from the Mayoral Combined Authority. No date has yet been provided.

#### 2.54 Business engagement - suppliers

2.55 The Council's procurement team is engaged with Business Support and Mayoral Combined Authority to connect opportunities with local businesses. A sub-regional "supplying the public sector event" has been undertaken with representatives from each of the local authorities in attendance, alongside the Social Value Portal to demonstrate the importance Social Value now plays in procurement activity.

2.56 Further business engagement and supplier events will be held alongside ongoing research into local markets and where spend is lost to the Rotherham economy.

#### 2.57 Employment and Skills

2.58 The Council is keen to ensure it maximises the opportunity for local employment and skills. With the increase in procurement activity related to Capital projects there will be an increased focus on the thematic outcome measures predominantly local employment, new employment for disadvantaged individuals and apprenticeships. For these town centre projects, progression will be made within the Themes Outcomes Measures (TOMs) framework to prioritise measures for commitments and delivery against, predominantly:

- Local employment
- New employment for disadvantaged individuals; and
- Apprenticeships.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

3.1 The options available are those set out as "key actions and developments going forward".

3.2 Whilst it would be possible to prioritise a smaller number of actions, this is not recommended because the actions form an integral overall programme of activity to deliver the strategic outcomes of the social value policy.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

4.1 Consultation was conducted both internally and externally as part of developing the Social Value policy and framework.

4.2 The next stages focus on engagement, this will continue to include public service partners, VCS and business.

## **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 This report presents “work in progress”, a point in time along a developmental journey. It sets out what has been achieved since adoption of the policy but also the “what next” on a number of potential options for development, each of which will have their own timescales. Timescales of detailed options and recommendations will be set out in relevant reports as appropriate.
- 5.2 The Council maintains a detailed action plan for social value development and delivery.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report, as such this report does not have a direct financial impact on the Councils revenue or capital budgets. The report provides an update on the progress and impact of the Social Value Policy that the Council has adopted into the Councils procurement procedures. The impact that this policy has on any current or future procurement exercises will need to be factored into the decision-making process on those specific procurements.
- 6.2 All associated procurement implications are contained in the main body of this report.

## **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 The Public Services (Social Value Act) 2012 allows for the consideration of added value, such as social, economic and environmental benefits, that may be secured in addition to the normal delivery of a contract. The policy, including the Social Value Toolkit, must comply with procurement law, particularly the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Council must ensure its contractual and procurement documentation reflects the requirements described in this report.

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 A key component of the policy will be ensuring that officers have the necessary training and knowledge to successfully implement it. Training, including workshops, will be required. The approach for embedding social value meets this requirement. For 2022 this will primarily relate to introduction of the Social Value Toolkit.

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 The outcomes within the Social Value Framework support the Council’s priorities: “Every child able to fulfil their potential” and “People are safe, healthy, and live well” by including support for education and employment for these groups as key Social Value outcomes.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 The Social Value Policy, approved in October 2019, received an Initial Equalities Screening Assessment. This is still relevant to this report and is attached as an appendix
- 10.2 The Social Value Framework allows for annual reporting on several key equalities' issues such as the number of people with disabilities that have gained employment. The policy has a positive impact with each individual procurement and commissioning activity including assessment of the impact on equality outcomes.
- 10.3 Further equalities screening and assessment will be undertaken on specific developments, especially when options for community wealth building are considered.

## **11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 NT 31 provides a social value outcome through savings in CO2 emissions on contracts achieved through decarbonisation, measured in tonnes of CO2.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 Partners have already signed up to and made commitments to take forward social value in Rotherham. Partners are engaged in direct development and delivery of social value outcomes, especially in relation to Community Wealth Building and Anchor networks.

The Council is promoting social value through its engagement with the MCA, seeking to gain added value through the Devo Deal and levelling up agenda.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 In the summer of 2021, a sample audit was undertaken to ensure the Council was complying with Social Value Policy requirements for the procurement of contracts valued at £25,000 and above. As part of the audit there was a specific focus on those contracts £100,000 and above to ensure social value commitments were secured as part of the award of the contract. The results of the audit found that the requirement has been successfully applied and provided substantial assurance that the controls in place to manage this activity are operating effectively.

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