

# Cabinet



Date of meeting:	21 December 2021
Title of Report:	<b>Social Value Report 2021</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Brendan Arnold (Service Director for Finance)
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Your Reference:	PSY011121
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## **Purpose of Report**

This report has been produced in accordance with our commitments within the Social Value Policy to conduct an annual review of the policy.

This provides an opportunity to illustrate the current impact of the policy on Plymouth City Council decision making within procurement and commissioning and the benefits secured for the city through its implementation.

This is also an opportunity to reflect on progress to date and implement improvements to drive the policy forward creating a greater Social Value for the city of Plymouth and its surrounding communities.

## **Recommendations and Reasons**

Cabinet is asked to:

1. Acknowledge the progress and achievements secured during the first 12months of the Social Value Policy;
2. Acknowledge and support the development plans for the coming 12months.

Reasons: The report put forward illustrates the positive action that the Council has taken to embed Social Value into commissioning and procurement, and the upcoming plans for the Social Value Policy's development in the future.

## **Alternative options considered and rejected**

The alternative option not to develop the Social Value Policy further has been rejected as the Council has a legal requirement under The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 and the Council has made a clear commitment to maximise the benefits of its spending for the City's economy, community and environment.

**Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The Social Value Policy plays a fundamental part in how the Council advances successful delivery of both the Corporate and Plymouth Plan.

The overarching Contract Standing Orders set out the expected standards and overall governance for all contracts that are let on behalf of the Council with the specific aims of them being lawful as well as delivering value for money in how the Council commercially contracts.

The Social Value Policy aims to work within this to provide a robust policy framework to support expectations around economic growth, social wellbeing and environmental matters.

Therefore it is vital that we do all that we can to secure these positive additional benefits over and above the quality and financial value of any contract we procure or commission.

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**Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

The Social Value Policy assists the delivery of best value in how the Council contracts with third party suppliers and provides a sound platform for the resulting delivery of those contracts.

The production of this report is covered within existing resource/budget.

**Financial Risks**

n/a

**Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

The outcomes of the Policy itself attribute towards:

- More programmes to reduce emissions
- Less air pollution from transport
- Green spaces, biodiversity, green infrastructure and public spaces for communities
- Lower Carbon Footprint

**Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:**

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

The social value policy itself contributes to a number of issues and ensures that public spend is not only best value but also best for the communities that the council serves. The Policy encapsulates and intends to make positive impacts around subjects such as:

- Child Poverty
- Community Safety
- Health and Safety
- Risk Management
- Social Innovation
- Modern Day Slavery
- NEETS

The Policy enables the Council to measure the impact that it and its supply chain is having on a contract by contract basis. This will enable the Council to find and apply benefits to the communities in

its procurement and commissioning activities, whilst also taking a lead in affecting positive actions upon its supply chain.

## Appendices

\*Add rows as required to box below

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## Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Brendan Arnold (Service Director for Finance)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 02/12/2021											
Cabinet Member approval: Approved by Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader) via email											
Date approved: 13/12/2021											