

Social Value Act Scrutiny Challenge Session Action Plan

Recommendation 1: That the Council develops a Social Value Policy including associated social value priorities and carried out a review of synergies and linkages with other complementary Council policies and strategies.

Comments from Service:

Since social value is a broad concept and will affect the services across the Council, a delivery group comprising representatives from relevant services and THCVS has been established to develop a social value policy. The chair of the delivery group and the project sponsor is Zena Cooke, Corporate Director of Resources. The delivery group members are representative from Economic Development, Procurement, Legal, SPP and THCVS.

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Procurement of research to inform the development of the council's social value policy.	Zena Cooke, Corporate Director of Resources	Dec 2017
Appointment of the contractor	Zena Cooke, Corporate Director of Resources	Jan 2018
Develop a draft social value strategy informed by the commissioned research	Zena Cooke, Corporate Director of Resources	Late March 2018
A social value policy is adopted by the cabinet	Zena Cooke, Corporate Director of Resources	May/June 2018
Procurement to review all social value guidance, policies and procedural documents on an annual basis. This is to ensure the outputs reflect and meet the needs of the	Procurement –Policy and Development	Annually from 2019/2020

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borough and compliment council policies and strategies. Relevant services including Economic Benefits Team to be consulted on all policy, procedure and guidance documents relating to economic benefits and social value.	Manager (Julia Estruga)	
Monthly programmed meetings between relevant services including Growth and Economic Development and Procurement.	GED - Economic Benefits Manager (Joyce Ogunade). Procurement –Policy and Development Manager (Julia Estruga)	tbc

Recommendation 2: Develop an approach to monitoring and measuring the social value outputs and deliverables; this could be through a standard framework, flexible to needs and nature of each contract.

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Recommendation 3: Examine the options to develop a social value impact and outcomes assessment tool, to determine the impact of social value activity and gauge its contribution to the Mayoral priorities.

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Economic Benefits team to continue leading on social value in planning and section 106 obligations, sharing best practice with Procurement	GED - Economic Benefits Manager (Joyce Ogunade).	ongoing

Recommendation 4: Determine an approach to cross organisation working to ensure that there is collective ownership of social value throughout the commissioning and procurement cycle.

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Recommendation 5: Develop a Social Value Communication and Engagement Plan to ensure that providers and communities are aware of the opportunities and impact of social value delivery in Tower Hamlets.

Comments from Service:

A social value communication and engagement plan will be developed after a social value policy is adopted.

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Develop a social value communication and engagement plan	Zena Cooke, Corporate Director of Resources	31 May 2018
Implement the social value communication and engagement plan	Zena Cooke, Corporate Director of Resources Andrew Bate, Interim Chief Press Officer, Communications	31 August 2018