

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting27th November 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Social Value Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Social Value (Public Services) Act 2012.

The Social Value (Public Services) Act 2012 came into effect for all English and Welsh public bodies on 31st January 2013 and required local authorities to have regard to economic, social and environmental well-being when tendering for public services contracts. The scope of the act was restricted to 'services contracts' above the OJEU contract value threshold (set at £173,934) although the principles could equally be applied to 'supply' contracts, 'works' contracts and below threshold 'services contracts'.

The report detailed progress to date with implementation and sought approval of a Social Value Policy and supporting framework.

A Social Value Policy would create visibility of how the act would be implemented and provide the strategic intent behind future actions. A draft policy was attached to the report. The policy extended beyond the scope of the act and included supply and works contracts as well as service contracts.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Social Value Policy and supporting framework be approved.
2. The changes to Contract procedure Rules be approved.
3. The potential opportunities for local business and the third sector be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To implement a new Social Value Policy in order to maximise the benefits to be derived by including social value within the procurement process and subsequent contracts.

To make associated changes to Contract Procedure Rules in order to implement the requirements of the act and to make minor changes to improve clarity, governance and to address changes in legislation.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Thursday, 5th December 2013

Proper Officer
29 November 2013