



Subject:	Social Value Procurement Policy – Short duration projects
Date:	13 th May 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	To ask Members to approve an amendment to the Social Value Procurement Policy ‘SVPP’ to allow for additional flexibility so that Officers can include a simpler/ more flexible social value scoring approach in tenders that are <6 months (approx.) in duration.
2.0	Background
	<p>Currently the SVPP only uses the £30k contract value as a measure of when the SVPP is to be applied to tender competitions. While this has largely worked well to date it has presented some challenges; particularly more recently for shorter duration contracts i.e. <6 months duration.</p> <p>Further to the paper presented to SPWG in February 2025 (attached as Appendix 1 for reference), Members asked that SV is still applied to short duration tenders/projects >£30k but would be open to a more flexible/ simplified approach when applying SV scoring and evaluation.</p>
3.0	Proposed amendment to SVPP
	<p>For shorter duration projects (i.e. <6 months approx. in duration) it is proposed that Officers can include a more open ended question for evaluation purposes with a minimum 10% weighting applied. An example question is set out below.</p> <p><u>Example question</u></p> <p><i>Qxx. Social Value/Community Support</i></p> <p><i>Please detail how your business will give back to the local community as part of the project/tender you are bidding for.</i></p> <p><i>Responses may include.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Donating/ supporting local charities or VCSE sector</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Any lasting relationships you might establish through your presence in the local community as part of the project</i> • <i>How your business might support local community organisations e.g. community groups, youth clubs, sports teams etc.</i> • <i>How your business might support micro/ small business in the local community.</i> <p>Other aspects for the SVPP will continue to apply to over £30k tenders i.e. Reserved Contracts, SV Organisational Behaviours, RLW and Zero Hours Contracts.</p> <p>This should help address some of the challenges faced by Officers and suppliers with marginal impact to value add that the SVPP is continuing to deliver.</p> <p>The SVPP and associated SV toolkit and guidance for Officers and suppliers will be updated to reflect this. <i>Note – this may be in line with timescales for the proposed ‘Sustainable Procurement Policy’ during FY 25/26. See separate paper.</i></p> <p>Members are asked to approve the proposed amendment to the SVPP above.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 - SPWG Report - Applying Minimum Contract Period Feb 25