

Key Decision Details

Decision Name	Procurement Outcomes - the Social Value Policy
Date of Decision	20 October 2026
Decision maker	Cabinet

Describe the Decision taken	The Cabinet has approved the proposed Procurement Outcomes – Social Value Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to an amendment to page 4 of the Policy, that local suppliers are defined as 'based within the Huntingdonshire District boundary'.
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What were the reasons for taking the Decision?	As outlined within the report.
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What alternative options were considered and rejected?	Retaining the existing Social Value Policy and Framework was considered but is not recommended. The current framework was developed in 2019 to support the Council's 2018-2022 Corporate Plan and reflects the legislative and policy context of that time, including a more limited focus on social value considerations
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within procurement activity. Since then, the Council's priorities have evolved through the Corporate Plan 2023-2028, with greater emphasis on quality of life, prevention, inclusive economic growth, environmental sustainability and community wellbeing. The Procurement Act 2023 and updated Government guidance place increased emphasis on securing wider public benefit, delivering measurable outcomes and aligning procurement activity with strategic objectives. The proposed policy provides a modern, outcomes-led framework that aligns with current legislation, national best practice and local priorities, ensuring that procurement, commissioning, grants and partnerships maximise the social, economic and environmental benefits delivered for Huntingdonshire.

Conflict of interest and dispensation

Is the decision a Key Decision? No

Was the decision included in the Forward Plan No

Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings? No

List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker

Person Making this report Mark Parker, Procurement Manager

**Decision will be
effective the day
after call-in expires.
Call-in expires on**

28 October 2026

**Accompanying
Documents**

Procurement Outcomes - the
Social Value Policy
Appendix 1 - Procurement
Outcomes - the Social Value
Policy