

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter:	Increasing Social Value in Contracts
Meeting/Date:	Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) – 7th February 2019 Cabinet – 14th February 2019
Executive Portfolio:	Cllr J Gray, Executive Councillor for Resources
Report by:	Procurement Manager
Ward(s) affected:	All Wards

Summary

The Council has complied with the Social Value Act 2012 (SVA) in seeking the delivery of wider benefits such as employment, community or environment from contracts.

However, the narrow scope of the Act (competitions for services above the EU threshold (£181k); the relatively rare examples within the Council's spend and poor engagement by local businesses have all contributed to the limited delivery of Social Value.

The attached report seeks to establish a policy for Social Value that extends its scope beyond the Social Value Act 2012 by using "Best Value" powers to include all tenders (£100k) and that supports local businesses improving their response to Social Value in particular and public procurement generally.

Recommendation:

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to note and comment on the proposals for Increasing Social Value in Contracts

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