

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS)

INCREASING SOCIAL VALUE IN CONTRACTS

1. The Panel received a report on increasing social value in contracts at their meeting held on 7th February 2019.
2. The Panel has questioned how the Council are going to be transparent and prescriptive in the Policy's implementation and has been informed that the Council will put a financial value on the social value element of contracts.
3. The Panel has discussed how the Council will monitor that companies are implementing the social value elements of contracts. It was explained that part of the procurement process will involve face to face meetings with tenderers, where the precise meaning of their bids will be examined. Reassurance was given that a successful company will be monitored against each element of any contract.
4. The Panel has considered as an example whether the Council would consider a tender, which stated that a company will stop using single use plastics. In response, clarification was given that the Procurement Manager will assess and score appropriately what has been written in each application.
5. The Panel was supportive of the Policy and advises Cabinet to approve the recommendations contained within the report by the Procurement Manager.