**Preliminary Market Engagement question – Social Value**

In accordance with the [Procurement Policy Note (PPN) 01/21 - Social Value in Procurement,](https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-12/PPN%2001%2021%20-%20Social%20Value%20in%20Procurement%20Word%20master.pdf) the successful Supplier will be required to deliver measureable social value outcomes.

Social value will form a scored part of the award criteria on this contract. Social value will be scored based on one or a combination of the following themes:

1. Increasing secure employment and skills
2. Building ethical and resilient supply chains
3. Delivering climate action
4. Promoting wellbeing

Each of the themes have a set of indicators which are set out in [PPN 01/21 - Social Value in Procurement.](https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-12/PPN%2001%2021%20-%20Social%20Value%20in%20Procurement%20Word%20master.pdf)

More information can be found at [socialvalueni.org,](https://socialvalueni.org/contractors/) including details of an information session for suppliers of the public sector covering how Social Value will be scored in relevant contracts.

1. Participants are asked to detail which theme(s) they consider appropriate for inclusion in this contract. The themes are set out in Annex A.
2. Participants are asked to detail which indicator(s) under the selected theme(s) that could be delivered as a result of work under this contract and the social value activities this would include (e.g. employment opportunities, work placements, ethical supply chain processes etc.). The themes and subsequent indicators are set out in Annex A.
3. Participants are requested to detail any potential alternative social value initiative(s) that could be delivered as a result of this contract.

**Annex A**

**SOCIAL VALUE THEME 1: INCREASING SECURE EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS**

**Indicators:**

1.1 Create employment, retraining and other return to work opportunities for those furthest from the labour market and/or from deprived areas.

1.2 Create employment and training opportunities in industries with known skills shortages or in high growth sectors.

1.3 Create employment and training opportunities that support a more resource efficient, greener and low carbon economy.

1.4 Support in-work progression and educational attainment in the workforce, including training schemes that address skill gaps and result in recognised qualifications, to help people to move into higher paid work by developing new skills.

1.5 Support in-work progression and training opportunities to help people gain new skills and recognised qualifications that are relevant to a more resource efficient, greener and low carbon economy.

1.6 Increase the representation of disabled people in the contract workforce.

1.7 Support disabled people to develop new skills and recognised qualifications.

**SOCIAL VALUE THEME 2: BUILDING ETHICAL AND RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS**

**Indicators:**

2.1 Collaborate with the contract’s supply chain to ensure fair work and workforce diversity throughout the supply chain.

2.2 Commit to ethical supply chains and practices by identifying and managing risks of modern slavery and human rights abuses in the delivery of the contract, including in the supply chain.

2.3. Create a diverse and innovative supply chain to deliver the contract including new businesses and entrepreneurs, start-ups, micro businesses and VCSEs.

2.4 Support entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship, including helping new and small organisations to grow.

2.5 Maximise security of supply, for example by minimising proximity of supply chains to point of delivery.

**SOCIAL VALUE THEME 3: DELIVERING CLIMATE ACTION**

**Indicators:**

3.1 Deliver additional climate action benefits in the performance of the contract including working towards net zero greenhouse gas emissions and/or contributing to climate adaption measures.

3.2 Initiatives that support climate adaptation and mitigation measures to minimise the effects of climate change.

3.3 Demonstrate action to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems by considering environmental protection and improvement in the delivery of the contract, including the supply chain.

3.4 Work toward net zero emissions by measuring the contract’s carbon footprint and minimising scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

3.5 Initiatives which contribute to improvements of air and water quality and promote nature-based solutions.

3.6 Demonstrate action that supports the circular economy, by minimising waste and extracting the maximum value of resources in the delivery of the contract, including the supply chain.

3.7 Assess and minimise the contract’s embodied carbon emissions by minimising use of virgin materials, effective production techniques and effective recovery systems.

3.8 Create Green Jobs and relevant training opportunities that contribute towards a just transition by supporting a more resource efficient, greener and low carbon economy.

**SOCIAL VALUE THEME 4: PROMOTING WELLBEING**

**Indicators:**

4.1 Build a culture that supports the wellbeing of staff working on the contract.

4.2 Support the wellbeing of staff, suppliers, customers and communities in the delivery of the contract.

4.3 Promote and develop arts and cultural related activities relevant to the contract.

4.4 Support community cohesion and good relations in areas where the contract is delivered, for example, by ensuring people have a voice in decisions that impact them.

4.5 Take action to improve equality, diversity and inclusion in the contract's workforce and throughout the supply chain.

4.6 Support local initiatives to reduce poverty and inequality in the area where the contract is delivered.