# Preliminary Market Engagement questions – Social Value

**In accordance with the** [**Procurement Policy Note (PPN) 01/21 - Social Value in Procurement,**](https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/ppn-0121-social-value-procurement) **social value opportunities must be maximised throughout the public procurement process. To help us ensure that social value opportunities are maximised please complete the questions below.**

## Thinking Social

Improving the accessibility of public contracts

1. Is your organisation a social enterprise?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

* 1. If yes, what cause are your profits invested in?

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1. Is your organisation:

[ ]  a micro enterprise (1-9 employees)

[ ]  a small enterprise (10-49 employees)

[ ]  a medium enterprise (50-249 employees)

[ ]  a large enterprise (250 employees or more)

1. Would breaking the work on this contract down into smaller parts (i.e. using lots) help to make the opportunity more accessible to your business?

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**PPN 01/21 - Social Value in Procurement includes a requirement to consider if a contract can be reserved for supported employment providers. (See Cabinet Office guidance on** [**Reserving Contracts for Supported Employment Providers.**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-guidance-documents-plan-phase/guidance-reserving-contracts-for-supported-employment-providers-html)**)**

**To help us determine if it is possible to reserve this contract, please complete the questions below:**

1. Are you a supported employment provider, i.e. an organisation that operates wholly or partly for the purpose of providing employment, or employment-related support, to disabled or disadvantaged people?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

1. Are at least 30% of the employees of the organisation (or the part of the organisation that will perform the relevant contract) disabled or disadvantaged?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Delivering climate action

1. Does the contract require:

[ ]  the use of virgin materials?

[ ]  the use of scarce, conflict or hazardous materials?

[ ]  the use of materials, or materials within products, that are derived from vulnerable ecosystems?

1. Are you able to suggest and provide alternative, circular or innovative solutions in the work of this contract that support Northern Ireland’s ambitions to build a more resource efficient, greener, circular and low carbon economy? If yes, please detail.

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Building ethical supply chains

1. What due diligence procedures/preventative measures do you have in place to detect and eliminate unethical employment practices and/ or Modern Slavery within the supply chain related to this contract?

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1. Does the contract require:

[ ]  the use of unskilled, low skilled or manual labour?

[ ]  the use of shorter-term or temporary employee contracts?

[ ]  lone working or work during unsocial working hours?

[ ]  hazardous and/or labour-intensive work?

1. Are products used in the delivery of the service commonly manufactured, grown or sourced from or in any of the following high-risk countries:

[ ]  North Korea

[ ]  Eritrea

[ ]  Mauritania

[ ]  Saudi Arabia

[ ]  Türkiye

[ ]  Tajikistan

[ ]  United Arab Emirates

[ ]  Afghanistan

[ ]  Kuwait

[ ]  Russia

**Buying Social**

Social value will/may [delete as appropriate] form a scored part of the award criteria/a condition of contract [delete as appropriate] on this contract. The social value delivered through this contract will relate to 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/publications/ppn-0121-social-value-procurement) and detailed in Annex A below.

More information can be found at [www.socialvalueni.org](http://www.socialvalueni.org/) including details of information sessions for suppliers of the public sector covering how Social Value will be scored/included [delete as appropriate] in relevant contracts.

1. Which **social value theme(s)** do you consider to be most appropriate to include in this contract, based on the contract’s subject matter? The themes are set out in Annex A.

[ ]  Increasing secure employment and skills

[ ]  Building ethical and resilient supply chains

[ ]  Delivering climate action

[ ]  Promoting wellbeing

1. Which of the **social value indicator(s)**,set out in Annex A, do you think are most relevant to the work under this contract?

What activities or initiatives could a supplier deliver in order to contribute to the indicator(s) you have selected? For example, employment opportunities, skills development, outreach programmes, training, partnerships etc.

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1. Are there any other potential social value initiative(s) you think could be delivered as a result of this contract that are not covered by the themes and indicators?

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**Annex A**

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

**This theme aims to create employment and training opportunities and support in-work progression and skills development, both for those who face barriers to work and to support a more resource efficient, greener, low carbon economy.**

**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**

**This theme aims to tackle employment inequality, reduce the risk of modern slavery and human rights abuses within the supply chain, promote diverse and secure supply chains, and support entrepreneurship and social enterprises.**

**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**

**This theme aims to support climate adaptation and mitigation measures, promote biodiversity and resilient ecosystems, stimulate the circular economy and work towards net zero by minimising carbon emissions.**

**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 adaptation 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**

**This theme aims to support wellbeing, improve equality, diversity and inclusion, and promote community cohesion.**

**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.