

**Social Value, Procurement and SMEs Scrutiny Task & Finish Group:
Report of Task & Finish Group prepared for OSMB meeting on 17 January 2019**

1. Administrative details.
 - a. Membership of group. Cllrs Clarke (Chair), Whittle, Morris, Clough, Shah, Brook (Vice Chair) and Pearce. Cabinet support has come from Cllrs Cheney and Craig.
 - b. Officers supporting during meetings: Democratic Services support provided by Shauna Nash and Jo Holmes. Presentations and other information provided by Denise Murray, Gareth Spencer and Jacqueline Miller.
 - c. Meetings held: 6/7/18, 1/8/18, 4/9/18, 20/9/18, 3/10/18, 17/12/18 and 9/1/19.
2. Terms of reference. See previous report.
3. Current tasks. The main task we have been engaged in is drafting a new BCC Social Value Policy.
 - a. The revised draft policy has been reviewed in consultation with the Task & Finish Group and the members participating in this group are in full support of the proposed new policy.
 - b. The draft policy and proposed toolkit have also been discussed in a meeting and correspondence with key internal stakeholders and sector representatives (including VOSCUR and The Federation of Small Businesses).
 - c. The development of a measurement toolkit (the TOMS Matrix) is crucial to the successful implementation of this policy and is currently being co-designed with the Task & Finish Group and in consultation with key sector stakeholders.
4. The main revisions to the policy itself seek to:
 - a. Align principles with the Corporate Strategy and define what Social Value means to the Council;
 - b. Incorporate broader policy commitments and provide clarity on the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy, to include the integration of social value into the Bristol Local Plan;
 - c. Introduce for the first time a measurement toolkit to enable us to value the things that matter to us in achieving our priorities and a mechanism to ensure that these are delivered.
 - d. Increase the Social Value weighting in tenders to a starting point of 20% as a standalone value alongside the traditional price/quality split, and an aspiration to spend a target of 40% with micro, small, medium sized businesses and organisations, and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors through the supply chain.
5. Future tasks.
 - a. We will consider the detail of the weighting applied to the Social Value Matrix and ensure it is fully aligned with our corporate priorities.
 - b. In support of achieving the objectives of the revised policy, we will be to explore how best to engage with SMEs and promote bidding and supply chain opportunities to them.