

SOCIAL VALUE STEERING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE-DRAFT

AIM

This Steering Group has been established in response to a commitment highlighted in the Stockport Social Value Charter (approved by CLT in 2019), to establish a strategic Social Value group “for promoting and driving forward Social Value throughout the organisation and the supply chain, to benefit the whole community”.

The group will be responsible for ensuring that a strategic approach is taken through the development, oversight and delivery of a social value action plan and push forward an inclusive local economy to the borough of Stockport ensuring the wider economic, environmental and social impacts are fully considered in everything aspect of business activities.

OBJECTIVES

Strategic Aim – to have an agreed set of Social Value priorities, cohorts, themes and enabling mechanisms that will support the delivery of the One Stockport vision and ensure sustainability through value for money

1. By reviewing the national TOMs framework and establishing clear social value priorities for Stockport, including priority cohorts where appropriate, aligned to the One Stockport Plan and Social Value Charter.
2. By understanding where good practice already exists and identifying opportunities to grow social value.
3. By always considering opportunities in terms of Stockport’s growth in any decision making that is made.
4. By identifying opportunities to strengthen the role of the social value portal.
5. By ensuring staff are well trained, motivated, supported and understand Social Value principles and relevance.
6. By working to support sustainable development and solutions through work, policies and strategies approved by our Council Leadership e.g. planning and development.
7. By optimising the potential of social value in contracts, to build local community and voluntary sector capacity in alignment with strategic aims of the Thriving Communities Programme.
8. By being a living wage employer and encourage our providers to improve living standards and opportunities for employees and their families.
9. By expecting carbon reduction and sustainability actions to be expected of all our external providers through the development of T&Cs and contract performance monitoring - reporting directly to Climate Action Now.
10. By including Environmental Impact Assessments as part of the Procurement documentation.
11. By considering the recommendations made in the CLES diagnostic report.
12. By developing a systemwide understanding of procurement regulations and commissioning opportunities to encourage local providers/suppliers-e.g. risk based sourcing
13. By having strong links to the Greater Manchester Social Value work, in order that opportunities for innovation and collaboration are captured.

Contracts and commissioning

14. By reviewing the Greater Manchester VCSE Commissioning Framework and Delivery Plan, to ensure Stockport understand the implications and is well placed to respond to the recommendations that are in Stockport's interest.
15. By ensuring that the SV offered through procurement is embedded as KPI's into the contract and contract managed
16. By strengthening contract monitoring arrangements for social value in existing contracts and explore best practice in relation to this; including strengthening contract specifications and consideration of the option for contracts to include service credits in relation to social value KPIs.

Engagement

17. Through citizen empowerment, by engaging with our local communities and service users to consult with them to get their voices heard and have a say in the way local services are delivered and through this develop a social value engagement plan for the borough. This will link into both new and existing networks, to ensure that the social value targets reflect the needs of communities and local providers understand what these needs are.
18. By raising awareness of social value opportunities for both local businesses, VCSE organisations and local communities and expanding the reach of the Sector Connector forum.
19. To engage with all types of organisations within the borough to raise awareness of inclusive local economy opportunities and influence them to change process to better practices that benefit the wider community.

MEMBERSHIP

Directorate/Organisation	Representative
Commissioning and Contracts (chair) Group administrator	Laura Mercer Laura Graham
CSS	Adrian Davies Craig Hughes
Place	Nick Hill
Adults	Emma Knight
Childrens	Heidi Shaw Nuala O'Rourke Jeanette Warburton
Stockport Local, Communities and Neighbourhoods	Joanna Foskett
STAR	James Hunter Elizabeth McKenna
SV Portal	Cindy Nandesan
Stockport Homes	Charlotte Fazackerley/Rob Lloyd
VCSE	Sector 3-Jo McGrath The Goodness Collective-Simone Callaghan
Climate Action Now	Nick Leslie Angie Jukes

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS

Members of the group would have a clear remit in terms of representing their directorate/organisation in relation to:

- Being a social value champion
- Support the development and delivery of the Social Value Action Plan.
- Providing a meaningful feedback loop to ensure key messages flow both ways into and out from Directorates
- Supporting the roll out of guidance and training
- Assessing how social value is being delivered, monitored and assessed for impact-by ensuring disaggregated data is available and used for impact purposes

Meetings

- The group will meet once every 6-8 weeks (aligned to the Strategic Commissioning Group meetings)
- An agenda and decision sheet will be shared prior to each meeting and will be available on the dedicated [SharePoint site](#).
- If a Directorate or STAR representative cannot attend the meeting, they will organise and brief a substitute and ensure the group administrator has been notified.

Governance & Relationships

The Group will report into the Strategic Commissioning Group and Climate Action Now Group.

The Group will report annually to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Members of the Social Value Steering Group will be responsible for cascading key decisions and messages to their respective Directorates.

The terms of reference will be reviewed after 6 months, and annually thereafter.