

Government ramps up Social Value Procurement Requirements

Social Value will feature in all central government procurement contracts for the first time, the UK government has announced. The new model for assessing social impact will be used across all central government departments from January 2021. As an organisation which embeds social value in every aspect of its' business, the move has been welcomed by Fusion 21.

The highly anticipated Procurement Policy Note (PNN) means that central government departments will now be required to go further than the 2012 Social Value Act to ensure that all major procurements assess social value rather than just consider it. The model provides a mechanism for assessing social impact against five key pillars; Supporting COVID-19 recovery, tackling economic inequality, fighting climate change and reducing waste, driving equal opportunity and wellbeing.

The hope is that the new measures will place social value at the heart of government procurement processes as the country fights to level-up in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The UK government spends £284bn a year on buying goods and services from external suppliers, accounting for almost a third of all public expenditure. Placing a minimum 10% weighting on social value outcomes is a shift that will require serious consideration from suppliers.

Using public service buying power to deliver social value has been at the core of our business since its inception. All Fusion 21 procurement frameworks include social value outcomes irrespective of value or size meaning our public sector members are guaranteed the best possible outcomes for their local communities.

In the year 19/20, our frameworks delivered the following;

- 650 employment outcomes
- 187 education outcomes
- 923 training outcomes
- 358 careers advice and mentoring opportunities
- 274 days' worth of time donated
- 11,179 soft skills training outcomes
- £231,524 of donations to local communities

For additional information on The Procurement Policy Note, please visit;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/procurement-policy-notes#2020>