

# Our Social Value Ask

## Maximising the Suffolk £ - Delivering Social Value in Suffolk

We asked our Commissioners how Social Value could be offered in Suffolk, here are some ideas that meet our current objectives.

### Our Objectives: Delivering In 2022 - 26

- To promote and support the **health and wellbeing** of all people in Suffolk.
- To strengthen our **local economy**.
- To protect and enhance our **environment**.
- To provide **value for money** for the Suffolk taxpayer.

### National Procurement Policy Statement (PPN05/21)

- national priority outcomes as of June 2021
  - creating new business, new jobs and new skills
  - tackling climate change and reducing waste, and
  - improving supplier diversity, innovation and resilience

Our Corporate Priority	Social Value Theme	National Priority Outcomes	Practical Examples of How You Could Offer Social Value
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Work with the local community and key stakeholders to develop a Local Implementation Plan to identify community needs in the area</b> where the contract is delivered and actions that you as a contractor will deliver over the period of the contract to meet our objectives that help meet community needs and boost living standards.</p> <p>We would encourage Contractors who are delivering contracts of any significant value to develop a Local Implementation Plan to co-ordinate the Social Value additionality delivered to their contract.</p>
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p>Invest Social Responsibility funds in Suffolk to support <a href="#">Suffolk Hidden Needs</a> by working with <a href="#">Suffolk Community Foundation</a> who manage grant allocation programmes.</p>
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Support the visitor economy in Suffolk</b> e.g. holidays, short breaks, day visits, hospitality and retail visits. Engagement with <a href="#">Visit East of England</a>.</p>
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Evidence ethical practise regarding responsible tax conduct such as <a href="#">Fair Tax Mark</a></b></p>
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Ensure employees get access to reliable and accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccine</b> using the <a href="#">Employers' Toolkit</a>.</p>
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Mitigate the risk of <a href="#">Modern Slavery</a> within your supply chain</b>, use of Modern Slavery clauses in your contract terms, risk assess your suppliers regarding the risk of Modern Slavery, raise awareness with your staff and ensure your staff and those you work with are aware how to report concerns regarding Modern Slavery.</p>
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Support local businesses, buy local and procure from the local Suffolk economy.</b> <a href="#">Suffolk Supply Chain</a> platform (available from February 2024) is an option to source local products and services.</p>
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Recruit staff locally within Suffolk.</b></p>
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Provide guidance or support to your local supply chain, SMEs and/or VCSE regarding their Carbon Net Zero journey and biodiversity impact.</b> By sharing expertise and /or resources, raising awareness, sponsoring member of the Carbon Charter or offering a buddy.</p>
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	

Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Creating employment, apprenticeship and placement opportunities for local people and priority groups, providing meaningful work and insight into the sector.</b>
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Create internships specifically for young people with Special Education Needs (SEN).</b>
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Ensure that training and qualification opportunities are offered to young people who are employed and that they are encouraged and incentivised to participate and progress.</b>
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Creating 'earn and learn' opportunities</b> for new entrants at various levels such as apprenticeships, sponsored students, graduate schemes etc.
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	To engage with existing local initiatives which look to enhance the quality and quantity of <b>careers inspiration in educational settings</b> , such as schools, colleges, and universities.
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	Creating an <a href="#">icanbea</a> ... online profile to help inspire the next generation of employees; Involvement in skills and careers events; support the New Anglia Enterprise Adviser Network and the Careers Hub; create placements for young peoples; Providing training to support young people into work through career mentoring, including mock interviews, CV advice, and careers guidance.  See <a href="#">Social Value Skills Ask</a> for more detail on how you can support the skills agenda in Suffolk.
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Investment in skills and training opportunities for your current workforce which</b> supports career progression and the creation of new entry level and high-value jobs. Contact the <a href="#">New Anglia Growth Hub</a> for information on the latest support to help develop your workforce.
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Provide employment, training opportunities and enable recruitment of staff</b> who are a) more rurally isolated b) are working parent/s c) are carers d) returners to work e) ex-offenders f) opportunities for the long-term unemployed g) have special educational needs or disabilities h) w/e and evening opportunities for students, i) care leavers, j) living in communities that experience deprivation k) those who have been economically directly affected severely by Covid-19 e.g. long term furlough or made redundant l) those with long term physical and mental health conditions.
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Offer flexibility for unpaid carers / parents</b> – Identify and support people who have caring responsibilities employed within your organisations including allowing for flexibility around working hours, paid and unpaid leave. This can involve helping to signpost people to other sources of advice and support including carers assessments, and <a href="#">organisations offering support to carers</a> . There are a range of resources for employers and managers to help them support unpaid carers via <a href="#">Employers for Carers</a> . These can be accessed by registering using Suffolk County Councils unique access code <b>#EFC1887</b> .
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Become a <a href="#">Disability Confident Employer</a>.</b> 'Disability Confident' is creating a movement of change, encouraging employers to think differently about disability and take action to improve how they recruit, retain and develop disabled people.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	Sign up to the <b>Armed Forces Corporate Covenant</b> , declaring your support for the Armed Forces community. Actions include:- work with the Career Transition Partnership ( <a href="#">www.ctp.org.uk</a> ); offer guaranteed interviews to veterans, if they meet the job advert selection criteria; recognise military skills and qualifications when interviewing for new positions and hold briefing days specifically for those leaving the Armed Forces. <a href="#">Guidance regarding how you can support our Armed Forces</a> .
Health and wellbeing	Social	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Pay your staff fairly and never below the National Living Wage.</b> <b>Be a <a href="#">real living wage employer</a>.</b> Publish annually, evaluate and take steps to <b>reduce any race and gender pay gaps. Pay wages that match or exceed the national average for your industry.</b>
Health and wellbeing	Social	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	Set up an <b>employer partnership with a <a href="#">credit union</a></b> to enable your employees to save money from their salaries and access loans at affordable interest rates.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	

Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Promote trusted advice and information to your employees</b> that will enable them to live healthy, happy lives and know where to signpost staff to if they raise an issue . Some examples of good sources of information include:  <a href="https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/costofliving">https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/costofliving</a>, <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-directory">Community Directory (suffolk.gov.uk)</a>; <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/benefits-money-and-debt-advice">Benefits, money and debt advice   Suffolk County Council</a>; <a href="https://www.wellbeingnands.co.uk/">Online Workshops and Online Courses - Wellbeing Suffolk (wellbeingnands.co.uk)</a>; <a href="https://www.warmhomeshealthy.com/">Warm Homes Healthy People » East Suffolk Council</a>, <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-safety/domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence/">https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-safety/domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence/</a>  Cost of Living Support advice in various different languages. The English version is available on the SCC website here: <a href="https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1">https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1</a> Further advice and guidance around the subject can be found at <a href="http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/costofliving">www.suffolk.gov.uk/costofliving</a></p>
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Actively prevent, manage and support mental health in the Suffolk workforce</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Commit to showing that mental health matters to the organisation</b> e.g. mental health and wellbeing policy, campaigns and pledges e.g. HSE <a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/workingminds/">Working Minds Champion</a> &amp; <a href="https://www.mind.org.uk/resources/toolkits/mental-health-at-work/">Mind's mental health at work commitment</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Ensure all employees have mental health awareness</b>, such as training for all managers on MH &amp; wellbeing, many can be free to access e.g., <a href="https://www.wellbeingnands.co.uk/workshops-for-organisations/">Workshops for Organisations - Wellbeing Suffolk</a> and improve knowledge about how to support staff when needed e.g. <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/help-directory/">Help directory - Suffolk Mind</a>, <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/training-on-domestic-abuse/">training on domestic abuse</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Take a proactive approach to encourage employees to understand what helps them to stay well, and for all staff to look after their own wellbeing</b> e.g., <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/emotional-needs-resources/">Emotional Needs &amp; Resources - Suffolk Mind</a>, encourage regular breaks, walking meetings, lunchtime walks, volunteering, after work social activities, staff wellbeing group</li> <li>▪ <b>Support MH in the wider community</b> e.g., reduce isolation, particularly older people isolated through rurality or deprivation, fund raise for local MH charities</li> </ul> <p><b>Actively promote health and wellbeing with your employees, customers, and the community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Show that good health is important to your organisation</b> e.g., adhere to smoke free workplace legislation, provide bike storage &amp; showering facilities, include healthy options for catering or vending, provide refrigeration facilities, apply for the <a href="https://www.healthysuffolk.gov.uk/healthy-workplace-award/">Healthy Workplace Award</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Ensure that managers are aware of sources of support for staff to improve healthy behaviours to prevent illness, such as stopping smoking, weight, alcohol &amp; physical activity, as well as support for illnesses such as cancer</b> e.g. online sources such as NHS sites <a href="https://www.betterhealth.nhs.uk/">Better Health - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</a>, <a href="https://www.macmillan.org.uk/employers/">Employers   Macmillan Cancer Support</a> &amp; local support e.g., <a href="https://www.onelife.suffolk.gov.uk/">OneLife Suffolk</a> &amp; the <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/infolink-directory/">Suffolk Infolink directory</a> and/or brief training in healthy conversations e.g., <a href="https://www.makingeverycontactcount.org.uk/">Making Every Contact Count</a></li> </ul> <p>For employers not based in Suffolk national information about Mental Health and workplace schemes can be found at <a href="https://www.mind.org.uk/">Mind UK</a></p> <p>National physical health and wellbeing information can be accessed from the NHS website <a href="https://www.betterhealth.nhs.uk/">Better Health - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</a> or <a href="https://www.livewell.nhs.uk/">Live Well - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</a></p> <p>Financial support and advice can be found through citizens advice <a href="https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/">Getting financial advice - Citizens Advice</a></p> <p>Sources of further local support can be obtained by contacting your local district or county council</p>
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Health and wellbeing	Social	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<p><b>Demonstrate your commitment to health and wellbeing as an organisation by applying for the free <a href="https://www.healthysuffolk.gov.uk/healthy-workplace-award/">Healthy Workplace Award</a></b></p> <p>A happy, healthy workplace is good for business. Workplace health and wellbeing are priorities for government, industry commerce, employer and employee groups. Having a resilient, healthy workforce with the right work-home balance has never been more important.</p>

Local Economy	Economic		It improves productivity, absenteeism and effectiveness, as well as strengthening your ability to adapt and respond to the economy and our ever changing environment. These portfolio of awards, will support your organisation to make time for wellbeing, focus your efforts and track your progression. They are designed for small, medium or large organisations in the East of England and will encourage collaboration across your entire workforce.
Local Economy	Economic		<b>The Council are a corporate parent to all our children in care and care leavers. We ask that you will work with the Council to identify opportunities to support Children in Care and Care Leavers as part of your Social Value offer:-</b>
Health and wellbeing	Social	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer a guaranteed interview for all care leavers meeting the standards for advertised positions</li> <li>• Care leavers need free or subsidised storage for belongings and help with moves, as they don't readily have the opportunity to "leave it with family and friends". Any support with storage facilities, vehicles to support removal or furniture projects would be very welcome.</li> <li>• Create opportunities for apprenticeships, traineeships and work experience for care leavers in local businesses and major employers, including support to travel to work and key equipment</li> <li>• Participation in society for care leavers e.g. support with driving lessons/transport/subsidised theatre/cinema tickets/sports and leisure activities/access to parks &amp; woodland/music and experiences that support our care leavers' talents and aspiration.</li> <li>• Please recycle furniture, with first offers to the care leaving service, who may be able to utilise it for young people who are setting up their first home</li> </ul>
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>When a proportion of the delivery will be sub-contracted, engage with the local supply chain to promote opportunities to local Suffolk markets</b> including SMEs, VCSE and Social Enterprises e.g. work with local <a href="#">Chamber of Commerce</a> and industry leads to hold "Meet The Buyer" events and with local stakeholders to engage with local markets.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Proactively share good practice / training resources with other organisations.</b>
Local Economy	Economic	Improving supplier diversity, innovation and resilience	<b>Offer professional and/or strategic support to a Suffolk VCSE/ community organisation.</b> For example - <a href="#">Suffolk ProHelp</a> is a countywide network of businesses which provide professional and strategic support free of charge to voluntary organisations. Businesses commit to undertake one-off projects.
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	If you are an apprenticeship levy paying employer, can you allocate and transfer a share of your levy to support the training needs of SMEs in Suffolk? <a href="#">Apprenticeship Levy Transfer</a>
Local Economy	Economic		Enable and increase <b>digital inclusion</b> activities and support in communities.
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Offering rooms or space for community events/meetings</b> , VCS events, storage or to run projects or Council events / meetings.
Health and wellbeing	Social		<b>Access additional funding resources to provide additional or complementary services that will deliver or contribute to the delivery of our corporate priorities.</b>
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	
Local Economy	Economic	Creating new business, new jobs and new skills	<b>Support for local community groups in the areas where you will be operating.</b> This could be by <a href="#">volunteering</a> , contributing financially, fundraising for them, sponsorship, reuse and donate unwanted (but useful) items to local VCSE organisations, skills sharing or understanding and jointly working towards collective outcomes with local organisations.
Health and wellbeing	Social		<b>Support opportunities for community integration</b> including marginalised groups and intergenerational activities.
Health and wellbeing	Social		
Health and wellbeing	Social		<b>Support refugees and those who are fleeing Domestic Abuse/ Violence, living in Suffolk</b> to feel welcome, to integrate into our communities and access the support they may need by promoting local services
Health and wellbeing	Social		<b>Actively promote and encourage staff to become a Domestic Abuse Champion by enrolling into the SCC DA Champions course</b> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/suffolk-domestic-abuse-champions-network-369439?utm-campaign=social&amp;utm-content=creatorshare&amp;utm-medium=discovery&amp;utm-term=odclsxcollection&amp;utm-source=cp&amp;aff=escb">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/suffolk-domestic-abuse-champions-network-369439?utm-campaign=social&amp;utm-content=creatorshare&amp;utm-medium=discovery&amp;utm-term=odclsxcollection&amp;utm-source=cp&amp;aff=escb</a>
	Social		<b>Support to help the wider community aims of Suffolk County Council such as reduce isolation, particularly older people isolated through rurality or</b>

Health and wellbeing			<b>deprivation.</b> Support could be offered to enable befriending, offer a digital offer to connect people more or other opportunities to reduce isolation.
Health and wellbeing	Social		<b>Host a registered defibrillator, accessible to your local community</b>
Health and wellbeing	Social		<b>Take a proactive approach by promoting health and wellbeing for staff and the wider community e.g., participate in health awareness weeks, offer active travel incentives, offer health checks onsite, train staff to be health champions</b>  <b>Actively promote and support <a href="#">public health campaigns</a> to encourage your staff, customers and the community to <a href="#">Stop Smoking</a>, <a href="#">undertake physical activity</a>, maintain <a href="#">a healthy weight</a>, to <a href="#">eat healthily</a> and to get <a href="#">free NHS health checks</a>.</b>  Actively promote and support other campaigns as shared by Suffolk County Council, including those aimed at preventing violence against women and girls.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Improving supplier diversity, innovation and resilience	<b><a href="#">Employee Supported Volunteering Schemes</a> with support from organisations like <a href="#">Community Action Suffolk</a> so that it is structured and benefits the VCSE organisation and the employee.</b> Examples of how you or your staff could volunteer: - volunteer tenancy mentors, grand mentors, foster carers, supported lodgings hosts, school governors, school parent helper, releasing staff on a volunteering scheme to provide a few hours driving a week for community groups, a day a year paid leave to volunteer in a team building activity.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Improving supplier diversity, innovation and resilience	Encouraging staff/volunteers to be volunteer drivers in transport schemes for example, <b>training volunteers to drive minibus driving and then providing a commitment for them to drive for community schemes</b> occasionally (relief) or for specific trip/s, support a specific locally identified scheme. -particularly with a view to providing driving support for families.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Improving supplier diversity, innovation and resilience	<b>Help to promote / recruit people to <a href="#">foster</a>, <a href="#">adopt</a> or host young people in <a href="#">supported lodgings</a>.</b> e.g. advertise to staff, support for staff to apply, offer physical ways to advertise to the general public e.g. sides of vehicles, opportunities to promote at events.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Improving supplier diversity, innovation and resilience	<b>Demonstrate a co-production approach in the development of new services/changes to pre-existing services/buildings and environments.</b>
Health and wellbeing	Social	Improving supplier diversity, innovation and resilience	<b>Make goods and services accessible for people with disabilities</b> or other barriers, such as dementia and mobility issues.
Health and wellbeing	Social	Climate change and waste	<b>Recycle IT and tech equipment to Suffolk based VCfSE who work with communities to improve digital inclusion.</b>
Environment	Environmental		
Health and wellbeing	Social	Climate change and waste	<b>Encouraging access and making access to green/blue space easier, especially for those groups least likely to have access.</b>
Environment	Environmental		
Health and wellbeing	Social	Climate change and waste	<b>Promote initiatives to staff and customers that will improve energy efficiency and air quality e.g. <a href="#">Warm Homes Healthy People</a> scheme for those eligible will make their homes warmer and more energy efficient</b>
Environment	Environmental		
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Commit and work to Suffolk County Council's <a href="#">Climate Change Commercial Ask</a>.</b> Our ask of our contractors is to: - - know the impact that your organisation has on the environment; - have an Environmental Policy that embeds a culture of reducing negative environmental impacts within your organisation; - ensure your environmental impact is measured and regularly reported and overseen at the highest level; - reduce negative environmental impacts with a clear action plan outlining the work to be undertaken focusing on the biggest impacts, with key targets and timelines to the actions to be undertaken for example; - if you use travel, reduce your mileage. For the miles that you are not able to reduce, travel in more environmentally friendly ways; - if you use building/s ensure that you have had Environmental building survey/s undertaken and mitigated the negative environmental impact; - work with your supply chain to know the environmental impact of the goods/services you purchase and mitigate/reduce the negative impact, where the negative impact is not able to be reduced, offset the impact; - work towards your organisation also being Carbon Net Zero by 2030
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Measure, report and share the carbon impact of your contract with your contract manager</b> to enable us to benchmark the progress of our supply chain to deliver our Climate Change Commercial Ask.

Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Publish an annual Carbon Reduction Plan on your website</b> to support Suffolk's aspiration of carbon net-zero by 2030 as outlined in the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan and the national requirement by 2050.
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Externally validated accreditation of environmental management</b> e.g. <a href="#">Carbon Charter</a> , <a href="#">ISO 14001 (environmental management)</a> , <a href="#">ISO 50001 (energy management)</a> .
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Specified and monitored reduction in carbon emissions from your operations</b> - onsite renewable generation; move off fossil fuels and move to renewable energy e.g. for heating; using energy efficient technologies; low emission production machinery; reduce packaging; reduce waste; repurposing of equipment/furniture for use in the community; local offsetting of carbon impact as a last resort. Steps to reduce carbon impact outlined in the <a href="#">Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan</a> .
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Contracts with supply chain include sustainability criteria</b> e.g. reducing and mitigating carbon impact, working towards Carbon Net Zero, environmental accreditations (e.g. <a href="#">Carbon Charter</a> , <a href="#">ISO 14001</a> , <a href="#">ISO 50001</a> ) etc. Show transparency in the sourcing of raw materials and ensure they are from an accredited sustainable source. Offer support to supply chain to reduce their emissions e.g. training, support with environmental accreditations, becoming a <a href="#">Pathfinder Partner</a> on Carbon charter
Environmental	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Avoided miles driven in petrol/ diesel vehicles</b> - use of electric vehicles; journey planning to reduce journey miles; use of public transport/ bikes; use of technology to avoid journeys; provision of public charging infrastructure; support for staff to reduce commuting miles in petrol/ diesel vehicles; staff car sharing scheme, secure and covered areas for bike storage, clean changing facilities (ideally with showers), subsidised public transport for staff; behaviour management to reduce time vehicles left idling.
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Deliver services digitally and reduce the need to travel.</b>
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Reduce pollution</b> to land, air and water - reducing waste (plastics in particular) e.g. reduce micro fibres with washing machine filters and reduce/stop harmful chemical use. Stop use of pesticides and chemicals harmful to the local environment.
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Create and enhance space for biodiversity and green and blue infrastructure aimed at people:-</b> <a href="#">planting locally sourced native trees</a> ; supporting community nurseries; providing pocket parks; work with communities to create a <a href="#">Healing Wood</a> ; support creating better and greener pedestrians' routes through towns; improving access to existing recreational areas (this may need to include parking near footpaths); access to and creating additional space for allotments; <a href="#">creating and enhancing wildlife corridors</a> e.g. planting hedgerows, <a href="#">attracting wildlife</a> ; <a href="#">hedgehog highways</a> , <a href="#">Save Our Suffolk Swifts</a> ; <a href="#">rewilding</a> ; protecting and enhancing access to green space, rivers, lakes and coastal environments.
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Reduce flooding locally</b> and <a href="#">support biodiversity</a> avoid use of hard surface areas and maximise areas used for grass and plants.
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Reduce your water use</b> by using water meters, water efficient appliances and water butts.
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Provide Climate Change training to your staff</b> that raises awareness and influences behaviours to reduce negative impacts on Suffolk's environment. Appropriate training includes <a href="#">Carbon Literacy for SMEs</a> and the <a href="#">Creating the Greenest County Climate Change Awareness module</a>
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>Encourage your staff, customers, service users and your local community to use carbon emission calculators</b> , many are freely available such as <a href="#">Carbon Footprint – Green Suffolk</a>
Environment	Environmental	Climate change and waste	<b>For all planning and development, demonstrate measurable Biodiversity Net Gain</b> that goes beyond the minimum requirements within the Environment Act 2021 (currently 10% for major applications which includes all minerals and waste developments, and 10% for small sites from April 2024).  For further advice on delivering Social Value through Planning see <a href="#">Embedding Social Value into Planning – NSVT briefing paper</a>

**Thank-you for considering our Social Value Ask and the additional benefits you can deliver to the people and communities in Suffolk.**

**If you have any queries please contact – [Procurementbusinesssupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Procurementbusinesssupport@suffolk.gov.uk)**

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**Changes History**

Issue No	Date	Amended By	Summary of Changes
1.2	10/01/2022	Katrina Browning	Updated asks following consultation with commissioners and subject experts
Draft	04/04/2022	Katrina Browning	Final additions made following extensive consultation internally and externally with public sector partners. Added Suffolk Community Foundation Social Value page to encourage social responsibility fund donations from bidders for contracts with SCC and the wider public sector.
1.3	23/01/2023	Katrina Browning	Review by Skills Team and Environmental Strategy

**Authorisation (Responsible Owner)**

Role	Name	Approval Date
Senior Procurement Business Partner	Katrina Browning	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Approval (Accountable Owner)**

Role	Name	Approval Date
Head of Assets & Investment	Matt West	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Reviewers (Consulted)**

Role & Review Responsibilities	Name	Date
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Skills	Jasmine Joolia	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Environmental Strategy	Ned Harrison	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Assets& Investment – Procurement Head of Assets & Investment	Matt West , Procurement Team	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Distribution List - Once authorised (Informed)**

Name	Organisation
Suppliers and stakeholders (SCC website - Social Value webpage)	Public
Social Value Champions (Via internal Social Value Champions Team)	County Council
All Staff (MySCC)	County Council
Contract Managers and Budget Holders (within Contract Management Bulletin and via Contract Management Network)	County Council
Suffolk Funding Resilience Group	
Suffolk Public Sector Procurement Leads	

**Review Period**

Date Policy to be Reviewed	By whom
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Katrina Browning
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Matt West