

Appendix 3

Recommendations of 20-15 BHCC Scrutiny Panel on Social Value

Recommendation 1: The Panel recommends that wherever services are procured and commissioned by the council, a clear mission statement is made at the start of the process that social value is a key underpinning principle.

Response – Guide and Procurement statement from the procurement process

Recommendation 2: The Panel recommends that Brighton & Hove City Council adopts a definition of social value. The following definition is suggested: “*Social value is the additional benefit to the community from a commissioning/procurement process over and above the direct purchasing of goods, services and outcomes.*”

Response – Social Value Framework and Guide

Recommendation 3: The Panel recommends that a glossary of terms used in social value, commissioning and procurement should be devised and publicised. This glossary should draw together all currently used terms and be put them in one easily accessible place.

Response – Social Value Guide has a glossary

Recommendation 4: The Panel recognise that there are examples of good practice using social value in the council and suggest these should be highlighted so others can learn from them.

Response – National action learning programme facilitated the sharing of good practice not only in the city but across the country

Recommendation 5: The council must make a clear statement on the importance of social value and ensure that all staff commissioning and procuring services have the necessary understanding and tools to ensure social value is clearly examined and quantified.

Response – Signing up to the Framework and the Pledge, and implementing the Guide, with learning and development linked to work force development to follow.

Recommendation 6: The Panel recommends that a task and finish group is set up, consisting of procurement officers, commissioners and partners to look at what steps need to be taken to ensure social value is embedded across all council processes. In addition, this must be directly linked to B&HCC corporate priorities.

Response – Fulfilled by the action learning programme

Recommendation 7: The Panel recommend that existing community and social value work undertaken by partners and organisations in the city should be identified where possible. As this is a large piece of work, B&HCC should consider working in partnership with, for example the universities, to undertake this project.

Response – partially undertaken through the action learning programme. The Community University Partnership Programme (University of Brighton) And the Clinical Commissioning Group is on the cross sector steering group, which will

reconvene in Autumn 2016 to continue work on social value including how to capture and facilitate the sharing of good practice in the public, private and third sector.

Recommendation 8: The Panel recommends that a social value weighting is clearly stated for economic, social and environmental wellbeing. As part of this, an explanation of what weighting is given and the reasons behind this should be provided for each service.

Response – Social Value Framework

Recommendation 9: If social value is to be embedded in procurement and commissioning processes it must be measurable. If the value cannot be clearly measured, social value will never be used to its full potential. The Panel recommends that guidance is produced to suggest ways that social value can be measured during the life of a commissioned service.

Response - Social Value Guide

Recommendation 10: Monitoring procedures must be clearly stated and agreed at the start of any procurement of services. These must be robust, appropriate and timely.

Response – Social Value Guide

Recommendation 11: The Panel recommends that there is a report back in 12 months outlining progress made on further embedding social value into procuring and commissioning services.

Response – Report to NCE committee 11th July 2016 for endorsement of the Framework and Guide and to PR&G committee 14th July for sign up. A further progress report to be made to NCE committee and BHCC Members Procurement Advisory Group one year on.