

# The Social Value (Best Practice) Task Force

## Terms of Reference

### Overview

The West Midlands Social Value Task Force was founded in November 2016 in order to establish a share and promote the integration of the Public Services (Social Value Act) 2012 ('Act') into public-sector commissioning and procurement within the area.

It is an open network and welcomes any organisation that wishes to get involved and who wishes to share good practice.

The SV Task Force aims to bridge the gap between public and private sectors recognising that it is only through collaboration and partnership that success will be achieved.

Our Community (Society) is at the centre of everything that we do and participants are encouraged to share their successes (and failures) in order to build our collective knowledge and strengthen the uptake of the Act across all sectors of society.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to create healthy, thriving and resilient communities by embedding social value into all of our activities whether we are public sector body or private sector organisation. We will do this by developing a Social Value (best practice) framework and by sharing our experience including our successes and failures in an open and collaborative forum.

In delivering our mission we recognise that we are all on a journey and that there is no right or wrong but we are stronger working together than we are in isolation.

### Membership

West Midlands SV Taskforce membership is voluntary and whilst we recognise that being open to anyone is good we also understand that to get things done, we need a core group of 'core contributors' who will take the responsibility for setting the agenda and driving the taskforce's activities.

The Core Contributors will be a group of about 10-15 organisations who are committed to meeting every 4 – 6 weeks and will work together to develop and deliver the agenda of the taskforce. This group will comprise both public and private sector organisations.

We are not looking to limit potential contributors and so we will promote the creation of partner groups that have specific weightings in the same way that the founding group is weighted towards the public sector. We envisage the additional groups could include weightings towards the private sector, the third Sector, central government and the community itself.

### Core Contributors (Original)

- Birmingham City Council
- Coventry City Council
- Dudley Council

- Sandwell Council
- Social Value Portal
- Solihull Metropolitan Council
- Walsall Council
- West Midlands Combined Authority
- West Midland Fire Services
- Wolverhampton Council

## Core Objectives

Each year we will develop a set of core tasks (deliverables) that we collectively agree will support the delivery of our mission. These are not fixed and may be changed or adapted as required

### Key Tasks for 2017

1. Promote the uptake of the Social Value Maturity Index amongst our suppliers and work towards an 80% uptake by 2018
2. Agree a set of TOMs that may be used across the region as a basis for measurement along with supporting values.
3. Develop 3 partner groups to help identify and deliver specific social value objectives
  - a. Construction and Infrastructure
  - b. Health and Care
  - c. Key suppliers
4. To promote the use of Social Value as a part of the Planning process

### Useful links

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Social Value Maturity Index - <http://socialvalueportal.com/social-value-taskforce/>