

To: Procurement Sub Committee

On: 11 March 2015

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Community Benefits Strategy Update

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress and achievements to date on delivering Community Benefit outcomes through the Council's Community Benefits Strategy.
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2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Procurement Sub Committee is asked to note the achievements to date on deriving Community Benefits from Council's contracts across a range of commodities.
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3. **Background**

- 3.1 The Council's desire to maximise social benefits through contracts has driven the commitment to consider Community Benefits on all tender exercises and to include a 5-10% weighting on ITT's as appropriate. In addition, all construction and infrastructure contracts above £250k, now include a 10% Community Benefits weighting. If a 10% weighting is not applied, a reason must be given to why it was not deemed appropriate.

- 3.2 A breakdown of Community Benefit Outcomes since June 2013 and commitments derived from contracts since implementing the new Community Benefits Strategy (June 2014) is outlined in Table 1 attached.
- 3.3 Community Benefits Highlights:
- Goods & Service Contracts not previously targeting Community Benefits now securing commitments. For example:
Fresh Fruit & Vegetable and Community Meals Contracts include 5 x Modern Apprenticeships, 3 x Graduate and 3 Work Experience Placements.
 - Work Contracts incorporating Community Benefits:
Recent SHQS & Housing Capital Investment contracts include 5 x Modern Apprenticeships and 14 x Work Placements.
 - Additional Community Benefit commitments from suppliers include:
 - supply chain contracts for local SME's
 - mentoring third Sector organisations/charities
 - signing up to Invest in Renfrewshire
 - industry awareness workshops & career events for local schools
 - industry recognised training for new entrant trainees
- 3.4 Future significant implementation of Community Benefits includes City Deal programme of infrastructure investment and the Council's Paisley town centre regeneration and heritage strategy.
- 3.5 Key outputs since June 14:
- Community Benefit Training for all CPU staff – Completed
 - ITT document to include Evaluated & Non Evaluated CB's - Completed
 - Monitoring Framework & Supplier Guidance – Established/On-going
 - Community Benefit Forum – Ongoing
- 3.6 Consultation with the Councils Economic Development Department and Invest in Renfrewshire is on-going to ensure department objectives and MI (Management Information) is aligned and producing outcomes.
- 3.7 The Community Benefit Strategy takes cognisance of the Scottish Government Procurement Reform Bill, which states 'A community benefit requirement is a contractual requirement imposed by a contracting authority relating to (i) training and recruitment, or (ii) the availability of sub-contracting opportunities, or (iii) which is otherwise intended to improve the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the authority's area in a way additional to the main purpose of the contract in which the requirement is included'

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None.
3. **Community Planning** – Jobs and the Economy
The Community Benefits Strategy aims to have a positive impact on Renfrewshire's Community Plan Objectives, particularly Jobs and the Economy.
4. **Legal** – The Community Benefits Strategy and ITT documents monitoring has been developed in consultation with the Councils Legal Department.
5. **Property/Assets** – None
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - None
8. **Health & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – The Community Benefit Strategy outlined within this report shall ensure that the Council meets the requirements outlined in the Scottish Government's Procurement Reform Bill.
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** - None

List of Background Papers

- (a) Community Benefits Strategy

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Table 1 Community Benefit Outcomes Table

Social Value Outcomes Jun 13-Mar 15	Actual Since June 13	Commitments Since June 14	Cumulative Total
<u>OUTCOMES</u>			
Modern Apprenticeships	22	10	32
Graduates	2	4	6
Jobs (Unemployed)	105	17	122
Trainee Positions	56	11	67
Work Experience	87	21	108
Education Support Initiative	67	38	105
Supply Chain Development Activity	Not previously recorded	10	10
S/NVQ Training	11	29	40