

Scotland Excel

Report to: Executive Sub Committee

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**Report
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Biannual Reporting - Community Benefits

1. Introduction

At the Scotland Excel Joint Committee meeting in June 2014, members were provided with an overview of the progress made in the delivery of community benefits within the Scotland Excel contract portfolio. In addition, an outline was provided of the planned development activity to allow the capture and recording of delivered benefits on a routine basis. A process has now been implemented whereby Scotland Excel collate and report on information received from the supply base twice a year. This report updates members for the period of April 2015 – September 2015 with another report due to be received in September 2016.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress to date on the development and implementation of a process to collect community benefits delivered from contracts, and provide a summary of the benefits received.

2. Progress to Date

The routine inclusion of a requirement to include community benefits in the delivery of goods and services is an integral element within Scotland Excel contracts. Given the now established process for collecting Council spend information from suppliers, the methodology has been extended to include measures previously considered optional such as recycling volumes, jobs created, training places offered and sponsorship activity. In order to drive consistency in reporting formats suppliers have been issued standard templates for return on a six monthly basis, covering both community and environmental benefits. Table 1 shows a summary of the social value added across the portfolio since the refined data collection process was implemented.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total
No of Apprenticeships	9	92	32	133
No of New Jobs	78	43	12	133
No of Work Placements	-	5	5	10
Hours of Volunteering & Mentoring	95	377	121	593
Hours of Works experience	5,305	28,214	7,515	41,034
Value of donations £	£2,474	£16,550	£11,285	£30,309

(6 months)

Table 1: Summary of social value added across the collaborative portfolio

The number of new jobs created over the past three years peaked during 2014/15, largely due to the buying pattern of the local authorities – particularly within the Domestic Furniture and Fittings framework.

As indicated, in addition to the social benefits collated, data associated with environmental benefit delivered by is also collected. Table 2 shows the volume, by weight, recycled across applicable frameworks since the data collection process was implemented. Again, the volume for 2015/16 is for the period April – October 2015.

TYPE OF PRODUCT RECYCLED	TOTAL TONNAGE RECYCLED			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	TOTAL
SOIL & STONE	0	0	15,305	15,305
TYRE CASINGS	2,247	0	0	2,247
SMALL MIXED WEEE	0	0	1,898	1,898
LARGE DOMESTIC APPLIANCE	0	566	1,208	1,774
COOLING EQUIPMENT	0	620	1,107	1,727
DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	0	628	986	1,614
SMALL DOMESTIC APPLIANCE	0	978	0	978
USE OF REUSABLE PLASTIC CRA	0	0	400	400
SOIL	250	0	0	250
CARDBOARD	1	51	169	221
CO2 EMISSIONS	0	0	207	207
WOOD	0	0	190	190
GENERAL WASTE	0	69	55	124
PLASTIC	1	61	52	114
AGGREGATES/HARDCORE	0	0	106	106
EXPANDED POLYSYRENE	0	0	104	104
OTHER CATEGORIES	105	473	410	988
TOTAL	2,604	3,446	22,198	28,247

Table 2: Summary of environmental value added across the collaborative portfolio

The data collected is available by framework agreement and by council. This enables a clear and detailed reporting format to be included in the business reviews held with each corporate procurement function on an on-going basis. Appendix 1 shows a summary of the supplier provided data by council.

3. On-going Development Activity

The work carried out to date has been shared with member councils and other public sector partners. Given the level of interest received, Scotland Excel has continued to support councils by running Community Benefits workshops. In addition to this, Scotland Excel has built the Community Benefits requirements into a job description role for a Governance Officer, which is currently being advertised as a vacancy. As this position is filled, it is anticipated that further development will be undertaken to continue to reinforce the additional benefits that member councils realise from participation in collaborative frameworks. For example, feedback from stakeholder engagement sessions would suggest that this area represents an opportunity for the local government sector to extend the reach of the work undertaken to develop and lead cross sector best practice, and become an integral part of the Scotland Excel supplier development programme.

4. Next Steps

The data collection, analysis and review cycle will continue to be embedded across all applicable contracts. In line with the Scotland Excel contract and supplier management programme, the results will be reviewed with the supply base and where appropriate will be incorporated into supplier performance targets.

In addition to this, Living Wage data will be incorporated into quarterly data collection exercises from May 2016 and a further report on Living Wage statistics will be made available by December 2016.

5. Summary

Members of the Executive Sub Committee are requested to note the progress made to date, and support the measures proposed to monitor and develop community benefits in order to continue to deliver benefits beyond traditional cost savings.

Appendix 1 Community Benefits for each council

Council Profile	2013-2016						
	No of	No of	No of	Hours of	Hours of	£	Tonnes
	Apprenticeships	New Jobs	Work Placements	Volunteering & Mentoring	Works Experience	SPONSORSHIP	Recycled Materials
ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL	1	2	-	30	1,164	5,000	85
ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL	-	1	-	10	480	-	1
ANGUS COUNCIL	2	-	-	-	52	1,000	54
ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL	1	-	-	-	-	-	32
CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL	21	2	3	70	1,013	-	58
CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	338
COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL	4	-	-	-	-	-	117
DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	44	-	608
EAST Ayrshire COUNCIL	2	3	-	-	-	-	14,335
EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL	2	-	-	82	-	-	28
EAST Lothian COUNCIL	1	-	-	-	44	-	25
EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	321
FALKIRK COUNCIL	2	6	-	28	1,376	-	1,669
FIFE COUNCIL	-	1	-	-	79	-	2,228
GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL	9	7	1	-	1,654	500	1,070
HIGHLAND COUNCIL	3	-	-	-	8	-	881
INVERCLYDE COUNCIL	3	-	-	-	44	-	325
MIDLothian COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
NORTH Ayrshire COUNCIL	4	8	-	-	1,166	-	2,050
NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	14	10	-	-	3,686	500	183
ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL	1	-	-	-	8	-	2
PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL	1	-	-	-	44	1,000	102
RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL	4	1	-	-	79	5,000	729
SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	312	-	17
SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	-	500	-
SOUTH Ayrshire COUNCIL	2	-	-	5	256	500	603
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	14	50	-	99	7,788	-	404
STIRLING COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	490
THE MORAY COUNCIL	-	-	-	100	1,128	2,400	34
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL	1	-	-	-	39	-	290
WEST Lothian COUNCIL	5	32	5	169	724	2,050	188
CENTRAL REGION	15	-	-	-	11,590	-	-
EAST REGION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH REGION	11	9	-	-	4,560	-	-
OUTSIDE SCOTLAND	1	1	1	-	3,217	11,859	-
SCOTLAND WIDE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEST REGION	9	-	-	-	480	-	-
Totals	133	133	10	593	41,034	30,309	27,268