

 WARWICKSHIRE POLICE		POLICY
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POLICY TITLE	Social Value Procurement
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POLICY OWNERSHIP	
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BUSINESS AREA	CONTRACTS & PROCUREMENT

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EQUALITY ANALYSIS	LOW

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1.0 POLICY OUTLINE

Warwickshire Police purchases a wide range of goods and services across multiple category areas. Social value legislation requires buyers of public sector services to consider whether there are related social, economic or environmental benefits that can be delivered through the contract.

- 1.1 Warwickshire Police must ensure compliance with the Social Value Act 2012.
- 1.2 The updated National Procurement Policy Statement was published in February 2025 refers to authorities delivering social and economic value that supports the Government's missions including by working in partnership across organisational boundaries where appropriate
- 1.3 Under Section 12 of the Procurement Act 2023, contracting authorities must "have regard to the importance of maximising public benefit" when awarding contracts.
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- 1.5 Commitment to sustainable and ethical procurement practices will support the delivery of Warwickshire Police's wider sustainability objectives.
- 1.4 This policy applies to all members of Warwickshire Police who are involved in the planning, execution, and management of 3rd party supplier contracts.

2.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

The policy aims to develop an effective, workable, and proportionate set of arrangements for the delivery of ethical and sustainable procurement practices to deliver social, economic or environmental benefits both internally and to the wider community.

- 2.1 The Policy shall support compliance with the Social Value Act 2012 and , the National Procurement Policy Statement and the Procurement Act 2023.
- 2.2 The Warwickshire Police Contracts and Procurement team are committed to putting commercial solutions in place to help Warwickshire Police deliver real social value. We will do this by:
 - a. Ensuring specification development and supplier selection processes include assessment of social value considerations with a minimum evaluation weighting of 5%.
 - b. Requiring contracted suppliers to adopt/improve sustainable and ethical approaches in the delivery of goods and services including registration on the Bluelight Net Positive portal.
 - c. Building social value key performance indicators into contracts.

- d. Encouraging and influencing a culture of commitment to the achievement of sustainable and ethical procurement practices including providing tools and guidance to help customers build social value into procurement exercises.
- e. Recognising the green agenda by reducing procurement of disposal items (especially paper and single use plastics).
- f. Measuring the social value impact of contract delivery and reporting back into the organisation.

2.3 We will actively monitor and measure our social value impacts by:

- a. Monitoring contract performance to check for social value delivery in practice.
- b. Engaging with the Bluelight Net Positive Tool for updates on supplier action plans.
- c. Seeking regular feedback from customers and stakeholders to confirm our approach.
- d. Monitoring our commercial arrangements to check that we stay up to date with emerging policy and best practice.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS OF POLICY

3.1 The effective operation of this policy and associated procedures will contribute towards the avoidance of risk to Warwickshire Police by enabling and providing evidence of social value consideration, thereby reducing vulnerability to legal non-compliance, and promoting positive social value outcomes.

3.2 This policy and associated procedures have been drafted to comply with, amongst others:

- a. The Social Value Act 2012
- b. The Procurement Act 2023
- c. The Warwickshire PCC Financial and Contract Regulations

4.0 PROCEDURE

4.1 Where relevant legislation and/or guidance gives a high-level requirement with no specific details, procedures will be developed to ensure a consistent corporate approach. These include:

- a. Tender and Contract Award Procedures – These procedures are largely dictated by the UK Public Legislation. Internal procedures and templates set out the evaluation considerations and award approval processes.
- b. Contract Exemption Procedure - This sets out how Warwickshire Police will permit and authorise exemptions to the prescribed contract award procedures.

- c. Governance of this policy shall be subject to Chief Officer approval and take place at Executive Board.

5.0 CONSULTATION

This policy has followed the JNCC Process and received approval from members of the JNCC. It has been periodically reviewed and updated.

Please state which head of department or chief officer has been consulted in the development of this policy:

Head of Dep't/ Chief Officer Consulted	Date Communication Sent
Jeff Carruthers	13 December 2021
Polly Reed (OPCC)	13 December 2021

6.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Author / Reviewer	Amendment(s) & Rationale	Date of Approval / Adoption
13/12/2021	Caroline Plane	New Policy	
12/03/2025	Caroline Plane	Updated Policy	March 2025

7.0 ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS

An Equality Analysis (EA), Health and Safety Assessment (HAS) and Risk Assessment (RA) has been completed and is available upon request.