



COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

London Borough of Lewisham

Sustainable Procurement Strategy (with a particular focus on Community Wealth Building and links to Future Lewisham)

The Council has identified four key themes for 'Future Lewisham', which will help to ensure that the borough not only recovers from the pandemic, but comes back stronger. One of these themes is to help provide an economically sound future for all our residents. It is something that is easy to say but challenging to deliver in these uncertain times.

Building on the success of the Lewisham Deal, a partnership entered into in July 2019 between six anchor institutions in the borough, we are aiming to maximise the social value of spending in Lewisham. We will protect and grow the borough's small and medium enterprises and voluntary and charity sectors by spending our budget as locally as possible and, as a consequence, strengthen the value of the Lewisham Pound. We continue to increase the ambition of our Social Value Policy launched in 2019 and have committed to using the data from equality analysis assessments to focus and amplify social value from procurement. This approach will increase the local impact of every pound we spend.

We remain fully committed to the eradication of modern day slavery and human trafficking, and will deliver a risk map of our supply chain that is bolstered by spot checks, audits and our continued affiliation with Electronics Watch. Furthermore, the strategy has specific actions which will support the achievement of being a carbon neutral borough by 2030, and reduce the 'digital divide' in our borough.

We are engendering a culture of sound financial management, rigour and control across the whole organisation that will provide assurance that our contracts continue to deliver value for money. We are rolling out a central contract management framework, with standardised key performance indicators reported quarterly to senior management. We are also preparing Lewisham's crisis purchasing risk register and action plan in order to ensure that our borough is best placed to respond to any future crises.

So whilst we are investing locally, we are ensuring residents get the best possible value from the money they give us, wherever and however we spend it. This is what we mean by a Sustainable Procurement Strategy.

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