

Social Value Act

The Public Services (Social Value) Act came into force on 31 January 2013. It requires buyers of public sector services to consider whether there are related social, economic or environmental benefits that can be delivered through the contract.

Social value at Richmond Housing Partnership (RHP) is about more than driving savings when procuring services, it is a statement of our principles. From committing to paying the London Living Wage, to partnership working that enables RHP and its partners to create opportunities that enhance the communities and improve the lives of residents.

RHP Social Value Priorities

We are committed to delivering social value across our services and our social value priorities relate to two themes:

Better Communities

- » Building partnerships between local service providers and between local services and residents, to find new ways of providing services that are more finely tailored to individual, community and local needs
- » Making sure that everyone has a fair say in the way that services are delivered, that they are listened to and taken seriously

Better Housing Choice

- » Increasing the supply of affordable good quality housing
- » Providing a range of homes to meet needs and aspirations through the delivery of new homes and tenancy options

Procurement for Social Value

In creating as much social value as possible we will:

- » Support local economies in the areas we work through focusing on local employment, buying locally and building local partnerships
- » Consider social value as part of our procurement process and work with our vendor partners to deliver social value while they deliver the main element of their contracts
- » Measure the impact of our activities so we understand how much social value we are creating
- » Commit to protecting our local environment through minimising waste and energy consumption and using resources efficiently

Social Value Review

RHP will ensure that the Social Value Policy is periodically reviewed and take in to account any changes in legislation pertaining to the Public Services (Social Value Act) 2013. In creating as much social value as possible we will, track the social value commitments made by our vendors to make sure they are delivered and actively ask our customers how we are doing against our commitments.

Signed on Behalf of The RHP Group



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