

## Appendix 2

### **Monitoring Social Value within Somerset County Council**

We request and collect information about our proposed social value activity through our Commissioning Gateway. Commissioners are required to state the social value to be gained from the activity and the proposed mechanism for monitoring this, to ensure the identified social value will be achieved throughout the life of the contract / service period.

This has highlighted some training requirements across the organisations, which will be addresses as part of this policy statement refresh; and the subsequent refresh of the guidance available for commissioning and procurement staff.

Examples of some of the Social Value we have secured are as follows:

- Economic Outcomes
  - Creating jobs for local people – securing local labour agreements within our contracts.
  - Supporting people furthest from the labour market to maximise their skills and increase their employment opportunities - Work experience and apprenticeships for Care Leavers and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Social Outcomes
  - Provide opportunities for community members, including those most vulnerable, to make a valuable contribution – Village / Community Agents and Community Connect
- Environmental Outcomes
  - Efficient use of resources by minimising waste – Single Use Plastics
  - Reductions in the use of energy and fuel consumption in the provision of services – Review of care placements to minimise travel requirements.