

**Council – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Agenda Item 7  
Recommendation from Cabinet  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm. on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Present:

Cabinet Members:

Councillor D Chater  
Councillor G Duggins  
Councillor D Gannon  
Councillor A Gingell  
Councillor Kelly  
Councillor R Lancaster  
Councillor E Ruane  
Councillor P Townshend (Chair)

Deputy Cabinet Members:

Councillor Caan  
Councillor Howells

Non-voting Opposition Members:

Councillor Andrews

Other Members:

Councillor McNicholas

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's:

M Reeves (Chief Executive), F Collingham, R Nawaz,  
R Tennant, J Venn

People:

Brian Walsh (Executive Director), P Fahy

Place:

M Yardley (Executive Director) C Knight, A Williams

Resources:

C West (Executive Director), B Hastie, H Lynch,  
M Salmon, L Welton

Apologies:

Councillor J Innes, D Kershaw, A Khan, A Lucas

**Public business**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**126. Social Value Policy**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director, People, that sought approval for a Social Value Policy that set out how the Council would meet its obligations under the Public Services Act 2012.

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 (the “Act”) came into force on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and placed a requirement on public bodies to consider how the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area in which they operated may be improved through the procurement of their services.

In order to comply with the Act, the Council had developed a draft Social Value Policy (attached as an appendix to the report) that set out how Coventry City Council would deliver social value through its commissioning and procurement activities and the Council’s priorities in relation to social value.

The Policy proposed that consideration of social value would be built into the initial stages of the commissioning cycle – when reviewing service provision, conducting a needs analysis, consulting stakeholders and/or the marketplace, and specifying the services to be procured. This would offer more genuine opportunities to community and voluntary groups to become involved, whilst maintaining focus on obtaining value for money.

All procurement decisions would be managed through the procurement processes set out in the Council’s Constitution.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends that the Council approve the Social Value Policy.**

(Meeting finished at 2.25 p.m.)