

# **South Lanarkshire Council, Community Benefit**

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## What are Community Benefits?

- The Council is committed to the promotion of Community Benefits for all contracts with an estimated value of £50,000 and above.
- Community Benefits also form part the Sustainable Procurement Duty.
- Community Benefits delivered also support the ambitions of the Council Sustainable Procurement Strategy.
- Community Benefits delivery also supports the Council's Community Wealth Building Strategy via the Spend Pillar.



## What are Community Benefits?

- Community Benefits delivered by Suppliers/Contractors contribute to a range of national and local outcomes.
- Community Benefits can support a variety of projects within Communities.
- For example, installation of a defibrillator or donation of musical instruments or employment opportunities.
- Community Benefits also support the Council's wider Community Wealth Building Strategy.



## **SLC Community Benefits Menu Themes**

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- Supporting Training/Employment and Work Experience in South Lanarkshire
- Supporting South Lanarkshire's Local Economy
- Supporting Young people in South Lanarkshire
- Engaging with Local Communities in South Lanarkshire
- Financial Support to South Lanarkshire Communities
- Physical/Environmental Improvements in Local Communities



## SLC & SDP Community Benefits Sessions

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- SLC have hosted two Community Benefits Supplier Engagement Sessions with Supplier Development Programme.
- Joint sessions are a great way to reach a wider audience, tapping into Supplier Development Programmes membership and highlighting the opportunities that can be accessed via Supplier Development Programme to those not yet engaged.
- These joint sessions engaged with SLC Suppliers/Contractors, local SME's interested in working with the Council and Supplier Development Programme members.
- Sessions are a great way to guide participants through the Councils approach to Community Benefits, demonstrate our online monitoring tool and answer any questions those attending may have.
- Sessions also allow participants direct access to members of the Councils Procurement Service.

# Community Benefits in Tenders

- It's important to fill out **all three elements** of the Community Benefits response when bidding.
- The three elements that should be completed are:
  - ☐ The Community Benefits Menu
  - ☐ The Methodology Statement
  - ☐ A named contact will lead on Community Benefits delivery within your company
- **Each section is scored as part of your submission and therefore should be completed.**



# Community Benefits Management and Communication

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Community Benefits Officer will create a Project Record on Cenefits and add the Community Benefits. The Contract/Project Manager and the Supplier will also be added to the Project.



Community Benefits Officer will contact Contractor/Suppliers CB contact to discussed a phased delivery plan - this will be updated on Cenefits for monitoring and for Suppliers to upload evidence of delivery at agreed dates.



Community Benefits Officer will monitor CBs across life-time of the contract and will send three monthly check in emails to the Contractor/Suppliers.



When Community Benefits delivery evidence is uploaded the Contract Manger will review and accept evidence. That CB will then be marked as 'Delivered'. All Community Benefits should be marked as Delivered by the end of the Contract period.



# Community Benefits Management - Cenefits

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- [Cenefits](#) is a web and mobile application which makes it easy for organisations to manage and assess the Community Benefits that they've added to their contracts.
- Contractors/Suppliers will be sent an invite to join the Cenefits system after their start up meeting with the Community Benefits Officer, to allow for upload evidence of delivery throughout the contact period.
- The Community Benefits Officer can provide support to Contractors/Suppliers when uploading evidence for the first time to support users.
- The Contract Manager for the Contract will also have a log in and will review and accept evidence in the system as it is uploaded.



## Expectations of Contractors/Supplier when delivering Community Benefits

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- ✓ Community Benefits are **contractual** once the contract has been awarded and form part of contract management outcomes.
- ✓ Contractors/Suppliers are expected to deliver the Community Benefit commitments made in the bid during the contract period.
- ✓ Engagement with the Community Benefits Officer to develop a phased timeline of delivery at the start of the contract delivery period.
- ✓ Contractors/Suppliers are expected to deliver Community Benefits that meet the descriptors in the Community Benefits Menu.
- ✓ Upload Evidence of Community Benefits activity when an outcome has been delivered within the agreed timelines.



## SLC Support when delivering Community Benefits

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- ✓ Initial Startup meeting to review Community Benefits and develop a phased delivery plan with Community Benefits Officer.
- ✓ Three monthly check in emails from Community Benefits Officer to track progress and provide support with any issues or challenges.
- ✓ Signposting to SLC colleagues who can provide support to Contractors/Suppliers in the Community Benefits Delivery
- ✓ Procurement Services pages on Council website have a newly created dedicated Community Benefits section with information on our Community Benefits approach, a link to the Community Wish List and contact details for further information/support.

## What does good evidence of CB delivery look like?

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- Each Community Benefit has a set of bespoke evidence questions embedded in the evidence upload section of Cenefits.
- Contractors/Suppliers should complete every question in the evidence upload section associated to the Community Benefit delivered.
- Evidence should be as detailed as possible to allow the Contract Manager to understand what activity has been undertaken and meets the requirements of the outcome descriptor in Community Benefits Menu.



## SLC and SDP Community Wish List joint session



- SLC Procurement Service and SLC Community Engagement jointly hosted a Community Wish List information session with Supplier Development Programme at the launch of our Community Wish List Platform, an innovative joint project between the two resources.
- The session was an opportunity to share with SLC Suppliers/Contractors, local SMEs, Third Sector and Supplier Development Programme membership the Councils Community Wish List platform including how to navigate and engage with the platform and how to fulfil a Community Wish.
- The session allowed participants to speak directly to those who are managing the Community Wish platform, see a live demonstration and ask any questions they may have about the process.

## SLC Community Wish List



- The Community Wish List is embedded within our Community Benefits Menu, where suppliers can select to support wishes as part of their CB commitment.
- The Community Wish List is a new way that local communities in South Lanarkshire can make requests, or wishes, for specific support from Council Suppliers that will benefit their community, projects, and causes.
- The Community Wish List is a publicly available website which Suppliers can access to view requests from Communities and select those they wish to fulfil as part of their Community Benefits delivery.

**[Community Wish List - South Lanarkshire Council](#)**



# SLC Community Wish List



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[SLC Community Wish List Link](#)

[SLC Community Benefits Web page](#)