

**Award criterion: How will you deliver the Social Value Initiatives within your completed Social Value Delivery Plan?**

*Your answer should address the following:*

- *Timescales for delivery of the social value requirements;*
- *The resources, both internal and external, you will use to plan and deliver the social value requirements (this should include details of suppliers in your supply chain);*
- *The activities you will undertake to deliver the social value initiatives selected within your completed Social Value Delivery Plan, including how you will engage with key stakeholders (including communities impacted through the delivery of the contract);*
- *Confirmation that the planned activities are additional to activities your organisation already undertakes; and,*
- *How you will monitor and report on the delivery of the social value requirements and address any performance issues.*

This is an extract of the tenderer's 4 page response:

Social Value is integral to our company purpose and is enshrined in our 5-year Responsible Business Strategy. We commit to delivering:

- 260 person weeks of employment for people who face barriers to employment
- 78 person weeks of employment for people with a disability
- 25 weeks of work experience placements for people who face barriers to employment
- 30 weeks of work experience placements for people with a disability
- 363 hours of digital skills development and educational attainment for people with a disability

We will appoint a dedicated Social Value Manager responsible for coordinating and delivering these commitments. This person will work with our Head of Responsible Business, HR team and supply chain partners to identify and build sustainable and effective relationships with employability and disability VCSE organisations across NI. We confirm our activities will be additional to activities we already undertake in NI, for example, we will work with new organisations that we have not engaged with before, consulting the Social Value website to identify potential partner organisations.

We will commence social value implementation plans within 2 weeks of contract signature. We intend to commence recruitment of people who face barriers to employment during the transition period, with engagement of the first cohort of suitable candidates no later than the middle of Year 1 of operations.

Our Social Value Manager will provide a monthly Social Value Monitoring, reporting on our progress. Any performance issues will be reported as part of agreed governance arrangements along with the rectification plan (if required). We recognise that the contract is of a significant duration and the Authority's priorities may shift over that period. We will regularly review initiatives so that we address local socio-economic issues and deliver the Authority's vision.