

Appendix 2 – Responsible Procurement Policy commitments

Defining Responsible Procurement as social value, sustainability and ethical sourcing:

- Social Value means protecting and enhancing the health and wellbeing of local people and the local environment, reducing inequalities, providing skills and employment opportunities, promoting the local economy and building resilience through diverse supply chains.
- Environmental sustainability means reducing negative environmental impacts by working towards net zero and supporting environmental protection and improvement including animal welfare.
- Ethical Sourcing means ensuring that human rights and employment rights are protected throughout the City Corporation's UK and global supply chains.

The Corporation's Responsible Procurement Policy identifies six key commitments set out below:

- Take **Climate Action** and minimise environmental impacts of procurement on our operations and throughout our supply chain
- Encourage and facilitate **Supplier Diversity** (Diverse Owned Enterprises and SMEs) through direct contracts, partnerships and active monitoring
- Embed **equity, diversity and inclusion** throughout the contract process and work with suppliers who have proven to take active steps within their own organisations, supply chain and industry
- Protect human rights in our supply chain by working with suppliers who undertake due diligence to guard against **modern slavery** and other human rights abuses
- Facilitate **meaningful work-related opportunities**, which are actively targeted to enable social mobility and inclusion

Achieve **meaningful social value outcomes** according to organisational and stakeholder priorities through internal collaboration, community input and supplier engagement