

Appendix A

Public Petitions and Questions –Housing Policy Committee– 5th December 2024

N.B - Please note that a period of up to 30 minutes shall be allocated at meetings of Policy Committees and other appropriate bodies for members of the public to present ordinary petitions or to ask questions of Members and officers present.

Petitions Received from Members of the Public x 0

Petitions - Name, email, petition text	Officer Prepared Response:
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Questions Received from Members of the Public x 1

Question from Name, email, question	Officer Prepared Response:
<p>1 Judi Greenwood</p> <p>I would like to understand how the committee plans to take a different and more impactful approach to achieving social value outcomes with the new round of WHSHF. Specifically, how you will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address the lessons from SHDF Wave 2: the TCVA identified issues and challenges with Wave 2 funding. How will SCC and the Housing Committee ensure that important lessons are learnt and applied in this wave to avoid similar problems. 2. Promote local SMEs: What steps are being taken to ensure that this funding will support the participation of local SMEs in delivering retrofit projects? <p>Successful case studies from Bristol and Preston demonstrate how prioritising local SMEs in Wave 2 delivery resulted in</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We were not aware of the SHDF2 issues/ challenges set out by the TVCA and have contacted them for clarification. In Sheffield we have delivered a successful project with 186 homes receiving External Wall Insulation (EWI). In respect of lessons learnt, there are several, but we would highlight challenges associated with the short timescales between bid outcome (likely January) to getting the project mobilised by April. We are already developing a critical path plan that encompasses governance, procurement and communications. 2. The Council's Employment, Skills and Economy service uses Social Value levers within our Frameworks to guarantee a percentage of all supply chains are 'local', ensuring SME's with Sheffield and the wider South Yorkshire postcodes are retained on the SCC commissioned contracts.

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significant community benefits, including local job creation, wealth retention and improved workmanship. How will SCC adopt similar strategies to achieve comparable outcomes?

3. Maximise Community Impact: How will the work be structured to drive measurable benefits for the local community, including job creation, skills development and building community wealth?

We have tools in place to offer training and awareness in 'Green Skills' and new emerging construction practices, specifically targeting local SMEs through events and our Procurement team and Business Support team. By offering training and knowledge, our local workforce will glean a more comprehensive understanding of retrofit skills allowing a Sheffield labour force to undertake the work required on our housing stock.

3. Inherent to our procurement plan will be a social value requirement that will cover these types of community benefits that is reinforced through contractual terms. The TOMs Framework, developed by the National Social Value Taskforce and Local Government Association, provides a set of Themes, Outcomes and Measures (TOMs) and a corresponding Social Value measurement tool, which attributes financial proxy values for additional activities delivered. Transparent and robust reporting of Social Value allows monitoring and analysis of related Community Wealth Building activities under five overarching strategic themes: (1) Jobs, (2) Growth, (3) Social, (4) Environment and (5) Innovation (in relation to themes 1-4). SCC has developed an approach, managed by our Employment, Skills & Economy Service, to maximise Social Value through innovative solutions to achieve outcomes under the Jobs theme

This funding presents an opportunity to create lasting, transformative change. I would appreciate insight into the committee's strategy for ensuring this funding achieves its full potential.

Our bid for wave 3 of the Social Housing Fund has just been submitted. It is founded on the principles of being ambitious, deliverable and affordable (the latter being based on the level of financial contribution required from the Housing Revenue Account). The project aims to bring 1,749 homes up to an EPC C rating through fabric & insulation improvements, and a further 150 homes to receive Air Source Heat Pump installations.