

Social Value & Procurement Update

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Social Value

Leicester, like everywhere, faces challenges.

Leicester City Council, like every council, is charged with tackling them.

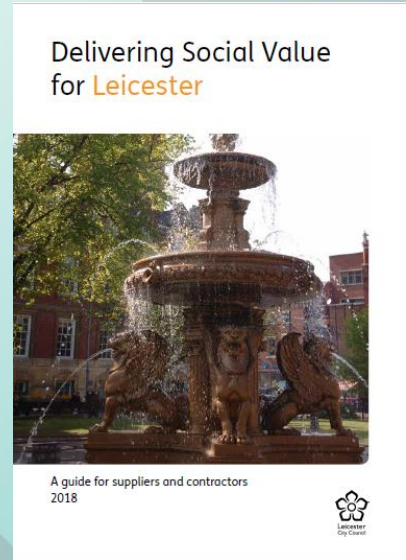
And we do. But we can't do it alone and we know we are by no means the only organisation that cares about the city. We know that caring about our city, our citizens and our communities is not just the preserve of the public sector but every person who lives here and, especially pertinent to this guide, every business which trades in the city.



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Social Value – 12 Months On

- ✓ SV Guide & Charter Launched
 - ✓ Senior Officers Consulted and Briefed on SV
 - ✓ Training of Procurement & Commissioning Staff Complete (inc. toolkit)
 - ✓ Procurement Plan Collation Included SV
 - ✓ SV = Standard Inclusion in Large & EU Procurement Processes
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- Engagement with Public Sector Partners
 - Monitoring System and Engagement with Intermediaries



Social Value Charter

- Of tenders advertised since January
 - 3 out of 3 Social Care contracts have included Social Value questions (3-5% weighting)
 - 3 out of 3 Construction advertised contracts have included Social Value questions (3-10% weighting)
 - 7 out of 9 Other Goods/Services advertised contracts have included Social Value questions (5-35% weighting)

Front Walls Scheme – Evington Road

Leicester EMPLOYMENT Hub

Bricklaying students gain valuable work experience

Leicester City Council and OD Projects Ltd are working with bricklaying students from Leicester College to re-build and improve the fronts of nearly two dozen houses along a stretch of Evington Road in Leicester. The programme involves mainly bricklaying and hanging gates.




Jamie Moore, a Level 2 bricklaying student who has been gaining valuable industry experience, said: "The work experience has given me the chance to use the tools and to learn and practice a lot more techniques than in the classroom. I like to get stuck in and get on with it."

Jamie, who is due to complete his course in June, hopes to progress into full-time work. He continued: "I used to help my uncle on sites and so a bricklaying course was a natural choice for me. The work can be challenging at times but also very rewarding. You have to be prepared to move around sites and work hard".


Joshua Worrell, Project Manager at OD Projects Ltd said: "We are delighted to be able to offer Jamie and the other students valuable work experience. A skills shortage in the sector is making it hard for building contractors to meet the demand for building work. This is a great time to get into the bricklaying trade."

*How can Leicester Employment Hub help you?
Contact Sandra Rieger on 0116 454 2942*

leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk



Sandra Rieger who works for the Leicester Employment Hub said: "Our aim is to support individuals who are looking for work experience or job opportunities in construction as well as other sectors of the economy."



Quick Examples

- Stray Dog/Kennelling Contract – use of electric vehicle
- Speciality Markets – plastic free policy
- Social Care contracts – Social Value being used to support Leicester Aging Together project
- EEM Community Donation to Brass from the Saff
- Boiler Replacement Contract – Apprenticeships, Work Experience, Financial and Other Support for Local Community Projects



Living Wage

- Included in all in scope contracts as standard
- Process in place to ensure consistency
- Improvement to Agency Staff Contract
- Internal Audit has reviewed approach
- Cleaning and Security Contracts to be procured shortly – looking to insource elements
- Have engaged with LWF & our local partners



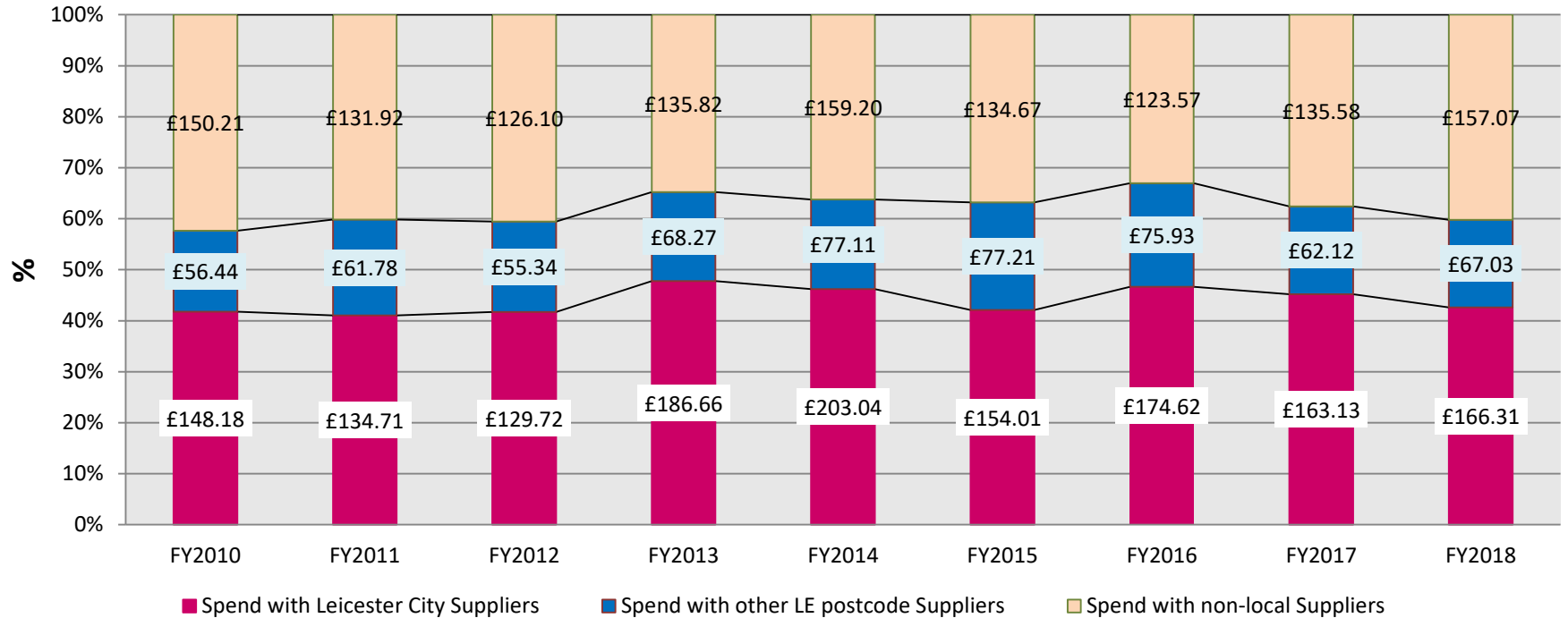
Climate Change Emergency

- New electricity contract – 100% green electricity
- Purchase of new more environmentally friendly vehicles – electric or Euro V/5
- New guidance for all vehicle/plant purchases and services involving use of vehicles/plant implemented



Local Spend

Supplier Spend (% and £M)



New Contract Procedure Rules

- Thresholds raised so quicker more efficient procurement
 - (previous Small and Intermediate bands merged)
- More efficient, quicker processes for low value procurement
- Try to approach more local businesses for quotations and go direct rather than advertise nationally
- Social Value Charter embedded in the Rules
- More processes devolved to department



Summarise

Short Term

- Living Wage
- Insourcing
- Embed Social Value
 - More Supplier education/training

Medium Term

- New Contract procedure Rules
- Improve Measuring/Monitoring Systems
- Public sector partners
- Suppliers and Businesses to adopt SV and policy/charter themselves
- Link to anti-poverty work

Long Term

- Further insourcing
- Co-operatives/mutuals etc.

