

PCC Policy/Position Statement 'Small Medium Enterprise (SME) & Voluntary, Community Social Enterprises, (VCSE)'

'Peterborough City Council (PCC) recognises that the SME/VCSE agenda is an essential engine for the Government Growth Agenda. PCC supports this agenda and looks to create a more competitive and diverse supply network that offers innovation and improves value for money.'

With SME's contributing around 33% of the UK's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) nobody can ignore the benefits of using SME's within its supply networks. PCC acknowledges its role within its community and that its third party expenditure can contribute significantly in supporting economic growth within its constituency.

Our Statement/Promise of Intent:

- It is our intention to work with local Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses to ensure our supplier engagement practices cater for SME's and VCSE organisations.
- We will ensure sourcing strategies and sourcing plans are given full consideration for the inclusion of SME's and VCSE, including assessing lot sizes.
- Set targets that supports the inclusion of SME's & VCSE's into PCC Supply network without compromising our legal stipulations.
- We will ensure that all SME's & VCSE's involved in any sourcing initiative receive relevant de-briefs to enable them to enhance their bidding capabilities..
- We will ensure our procurement processes and solicitation documents are of good practice standard to support inclusion of SME's and VCSE's in sourcing initiatives.
- Where appropriate and without contravening the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 conduct supplier days to enable SME's & VCSE's to better understand sourcing strategies for those sourcing initiatives they are involved in.
- We will monitor our 3rd party spend to review SME and VCSE engagement.
- Publicise sourcing opportunities on PCC website to enable SME's & VCSE's to register their interest

In support of this Position Statement PCC will:

- Monitor through supplier engagement the application of this Policy/Position Statement.
- Review and revise the Policy/Position Statement on an annual basis through the Council's Procurement Working Group.

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