

Request

1. Does every local authority tender include a social value requirement?
2. If there are exceptions, please can you provide a list of exceptions?
3. What was the average monetary value of social value requirements of tenders for the financial year 2023/2024

Response

The majority of tenders include a minimum of 10% weighting of the evaluation criteria attributed to social value. Many have a higher weighting.

The only exception to applying this weighting would be if the weighting would be disproportionate to the contract being let in terms of complexity and value. For example, Wigan Council commissioned a University Lecturer to give an address on civil contingencies and emergency planning. It was only a morning's work so difficult to ask for a social value return on this commission.

Unfortunately, Wigan Council do not have this information at present. Discussions are ongoing as to the best approach to capturing this data. There are different approaches to doing this across the public sector and different tools on the market to support this undertaking. It is planned to explore this further.

In addition, not all Social Value commitments have an associated monetary value.