

## **Appendix 2 - National Procurement Policy Statement – Draft Consultation response**

### **Introduction**

Derby Homes is an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO), that manages and maintains over 12,250 social housing properties on behalf of its owner, Derby City Council.

### **Supporting small businesses and social enterprises**

Derby Homes is supportive of this proposal, subject to how Small and medium-sized enterprises can be monitored.

**Requiring large contracting authorities with spend over £100m p.a. to publish their own 3-year target for direct spend with SMEs and VCSEs and report against it annually, as well as extending spend reporting requirements.**

Although Derby Homes is not directly impacted by this, we are generally supportive of this proposal.

**Requiring contracting authorities to exclude suppliers from bidding on major contracts (+£5m) if they cannot demonstrate prompt payment of invoices to their supply chains.**

Derby Homes is supportive of this proposal.

**Clarifying in primary legislation where it may be appropriate to award contracts for certain services delivered to vulnerable citizens without full competitive procedure, so that decisions can be driven by the needs of the individuals and vulnerable groups.**

Derby Homes is supportive of this proposal.

### **Supporting local jobs and skills**

Derby Homes is supportive of this theme.

**Requiring contracting authorities to set at least one award criteria in major procurements (+£5m) which relates to the quality of the supplier's contribution to jobs, opportunities or skills. Contracting authorities would need to apply a minimum weighting of 10% of the scores available to social value award criteria.**

Derby Homes is supportive of this proposal.

**Requiring contracting authorities to set at least one social value KPI relating to jobs, opportunities or skills in major contracts (+£5m) and report on delivery performance against this KPI in the contract performance notice.**

Derby Homes is supportive of this proposal.

We suggest that standard criteria, metrics and reporting guidance is established.

Currently, the contracts we award, (excluding contracts using a Framework awarded under previous legislation/regulations), need at least 3 KPIs to report on, so having one specific to social value would be fine. We strongly recommend that a clear reporting mechanism on both contracting authorities and winning contractors is established so responsibilities around reporting on social value benefits is consistently and fairly reported in the contract performance notice.

**Requiring contracting authorities to use standard social value criteria and metrics selected from a streamlined list (to be co-designed with the public sector and suppliers) in their procurement of public contracts.**

Derby Homes is supportive of this. This will make the social value content to be included in tenders, much simpler if this proposal goes ahead. It also aligns contracting authorities to align their own Social Value strategies.

**Allowing contracting authorities to specify the area in which the social value is to be delivered by choosing between the location of a contracting authority's area of responsibility, the location where the contract will be performed, or the location where the supplier is based.**

Derby Homes agrees with this.

**Supporting national capability**

Derby Homes is supportive of this theme.

**Giving Ministers powers to designate specific services, works or goods as critical to our national security and direct contracting authorities to take this into account when considering whether the national security exemption applies to a particular procurement to protect the UK's national interests**

Derby Homes has no comment on this proposal.

**Requiring contracting authorities to make a standard assessment before procuring a major contract (+£5m) in order to test whether service delivery should be inhouse or outsourced.**

Derby Homes agrees with this.