



Understanding our approach to social value

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Supporting clients and appointed
companies delivering social value
in 2025/26 and beyond



Our Commitment

To maximise social value and community benefit opportunities through public sector procurement

Clients, contractors, communities and LHCPG – building on existing ways of working – partners with shared values, striving for successful community and resident outcomes.

Our Social Value Approach

- Place-based procurement that reflects local priorities
- Community-led investment and decision making
- Partnership working across the public and housing sectors
- Transparency, accountability and independently assured impact
- Long-term social, economic and environmental outcomes

Our Social Value Priorities



Individual Wellbeing



Planet & Environment



Social Mobility

Social Value Impact 25/26



Group Impact of £88.2m indicative social Value



£37m

£350k

100k

Impact Area 1

evidenced through projects delivered from our frameworks

Impact Area 2

evidenced through projects delivered from our **Community Benefit Fund**

Impact Area 3

Total social value of *People and Culture* initiatives and individual volunteering*



80% of appointed companies to our frameworks are micro, SMEs

Community Benefit Fund



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[social impact report 2025 '2026' 2027](#)

Community Benefit Funded projects

We are committed in driving social value through our public sector procurement activities and through our Community Benefit Funding, we can enhance lives and places in the communities we serve.

Our "Client Guide to CBF Allocation" explains how the CBF allocation works, the different CBF funding routes, and how you can access and use your allocation.

You can also find some examples of projects funded by our Community Benefit Fund inside our "CBF Project Library" below:



[Client Guide to CBF Allocation](#)

[CBF Project Library](#)

Scottish Procurement Alliance

24/25 CBF Projects



Client	Funded Project	
Berwickshire Housing Association	BeWell	Go to page
Cairn Housing Association	Emergency Financial Support Fund	Go to page
East Ayrshire Council	Skills & Learning Centre (SL99)	Go to page
Hawthorn Housing Co-operative	Hawthorn Social Strategy	Go to page
Queens Cross Housing Association	Cultivating Connection	Go to page
West Lothian Council	Craigfarm Fairer Future	Go to page
Wheatley Group	My Great Start	Go to page
Eildon	Community Food Hub	Go to page
Perth & Kinross Council	Felby Folk Tales	Go to page
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2025/26 Allocations:

18 projects funded, with at least 6,860 expected beneficiaries, spanning health and wellbeing, poverty and food/energy insecurity, social inclusion, employability and skills, housing stability, community connection and environmental improvement.

Support is targeted particularly at children and young people, low-income families, older people, people experiencing homelessness or domestic abuse, people with additional support needs, and residents in communities experiencing deprivation.



Community Benefit Fund Project

Building community
resilience through
West Lothian
wellbeing initiative



Grant Amount

£10,000.00

Indicative Social Value

£18,700

Project: Craigsfarm Fairer Futures

Charity/partner name: [West Lothian Council](#) & [Craigsfarm Community Hub](#)

Location: West Lothian (Craigshill)

CBF amount secured: £10,000

About the project

Craigsfarm is a registered charity located within the heart of Craigshill, one of West Lothian's most deprived areas. The Charity provides a safe, caring and supportive space for Craigshill and wider West Lothian community to build connections, learn and share and enhance mental wellbeing.

The £10,000 award from the SPA Community Benefit Fund was vital to secure the future of Craigsfarm's wellbeing and resilience programme, which supports over 500 people. This programme has been operating for the last four years and is delivered by a small, caring and qualified team.



Creating social value in Craigshill

According to NHS Research Scotland, one in four individuals in Scotland is facing mental health challenges every year. To help tackle these inequalities, Craigsfarm offer a host of early, preventative support.

Their community wellbeing and resilience programme prioritises individual wellbeing by building a proactive support network for common challenges that can impact an individual's mental health, from bereavement and financial hardship to social isolation and trauma.

Each activity is guided by its "Theory of Change" mechanism that empowers attendees to engage in self-appraised support to shape their resilience and define the best therapy to aid their journey to mental wellbeing. This is achieved through a comprehensive calendar of activities, including specialised support groups, yoga for health and wellbeing, and outdoor therapies such as forest bathing.

Research has shown that when this structured intervention isn't available, facing these challenges alone can often lead to a cycle of crisis, increasing the risk of poverty and homelessness.



Over 500
people supported



£10,000
awarded



10+
events can continue running

Community Benefit Fund 2026/27



- From **April 2026**, the rebate scheme merged with the Community Benefit Fund.
- Framework usage still determines allocations, but funding is now directed to eligible projects addressing local priorities.
- The new model extends community investment beyond the previous committee-led fund, with clearer application routes, delivery support and impact reporting.



SPA client submissions so far:

17 live proposals from 14 SPA clients
£149.4k requested: £54.2k approved, £92.2k in review and £3.0k submitted

Applicants include 11 housing organisations, two councils and Police Scotland

Projects span youth and family support, employability, wellbeing, social connection, food security and environmental improvement.

Social Value Resource Pack



Appointed companies are expected to collect and social value reporting to LHCPG. Template quantitative measurements are set out below:

- ✓ What new services have been made available with the new building?
- ✓ How many individuals have benefited from being upskilled or training in the community?
- ✓ How much waste has been diverted from Landfill (tonnes)?

Appointed Companies are expected to make every effort, in agreement with the client, to collect and report to LHCPG qualitative measurements:

Template Perception / Qualitative Resident Survey Feedback

- ✓ Are you able to access services previously unavailable locally?
- ✓ Do you take part in any social or community groups in the new buildings?
- ✓ Has the new buildings and their surroundings provided improved greenspace?

DELIVERING SOCIAL VALUE THROUGH FRAMEWORKS APPOINTED COMPANIES AND CLIENTS, TOGETHER

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EPC RATING - NUMBER OF
HOUSES IMPROVED

4,562



TOTAL CARBON REDUCED

22 tonne CO₂e



ABILITY TO HEAT HOME IN
WINTER

392 individuals



ABILITY TO OBTAIN ADVICE

1,381 individuals



DONATION TO COMMUNITY
ORGANISATION

£142,000



SATISFACTION WITH
MAINTENANCE

810 individuals



STAFF EMPLOYED ON PROJECT

12 individuals



TENANTS RECEIVING HANDOVER
TRAINING

609 individuals



WASTE DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL

4.5 tonne CO₂e



TOTAL SOCIAL VALUE

£2,301,847

Looking Ahead



Continue scaling regional social value delivery through frameworks and partnerships



Expand Community Benefit Fund reach and visibility



Strengthen impact measurement and reporting



Support members with practical procurement solutions that create lasting local benefit