



# **RCCF Sustainable Development and Joint Procurement Subgroup**

- Responsible Procurement Diagnostic
- Scope 3 – District Council Approach

## **Low Carbon Procurement Virtual Event**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# RCCF Sustainable and Joint Procurement Subgroup

- ▶ Eastern Region – Region Climate Change Forum
- ▶ Sustainable and Joint Procurement as a priority
- ▶ Support to establish and develop a subgroup of peers from across the region
- ▶ Key to establish the subgroup
  - ▶ Offer to the region to participate together to use Responsible Procurement Diagnostic

# Responsible Procurement Diagnostic Tool Value Codes

- Developed for EELGA, launched November 2022
- Run on the same platform as the LGA National Procurement Strategy
- Using 30 value codes and defined outcomes as to what good looks like using a maturity scale
- Designed for Councils to complete to help organise, prioritise and ensure their sustainability commitments are realised

Economic	Engaging local businesses
	Engaging small and micro businesses
	Engaging the voluntary sector (including social enterprises)
	Promoting wealth creation
Social	Awareness and promotion of social value
	Promoting social standards in contracts
	Seeking social value in contracts
	Achieving social value benefits in contracts
	Measuring and reporting on social value outcomes in contracts
Cultural	Cross sector collaboration
	Internal communication
	External communication
	Integrated policy
	Ethical behaviour
	Risk Assessment
	Supply chain transparency
	Sourcing
	Sphere of influence
	Core goal alignment
	Community reporting
	Contract documentation access
	Contractor engagement
	Data accessibility
	Data quality
Environmental	Carbon emissions (Net Zero)
	Air pollution
	Promoting a circular economy (e.g. upcycling)
	Protecting the natural environment
	Promoting Health and Wellbeing
	Encouraging life cycle awareness and opportunities

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# Project objectives

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- Develop a common view and language for the scope of responsible procurement across the East of England
- Gain a regional perspective of *where we are now* in relation to the UN sustainability goals
- Discover how well we are positioned to embrace responsible procurement
- Identify examples of good practice and innovation in the region
- Understand and benefit from differences between upper tier and lower tier authorities
- Engage councils in defining *what good looks like* for the region (at Tier level)
- Produce an evidence-based Action Plan with commitment from the region to work collaboratively to achieve shared goals including identifying opportunities for joint working, commissioning of specialist resources and procurement opportunities

# Diagnostic overview

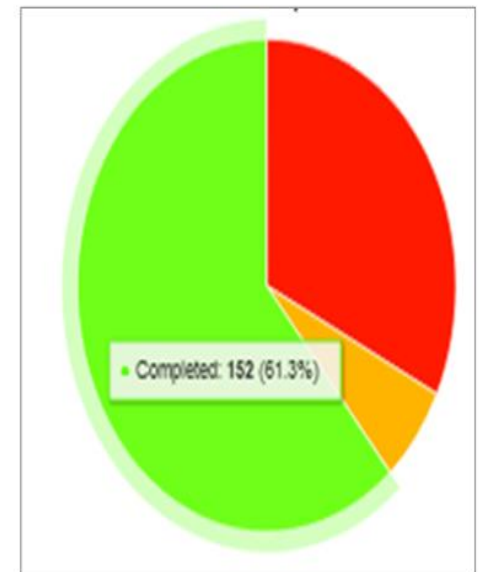
- Respondents were asked to score 30 'value codes' (VCs) against a maturity scale

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- Each council invited a number of respondents, all of whom have a stake in responsible procurement
- Respondents were given nearly 3 weeks to submit their response

# Participation

- We expected Councils to identify 10-15 individuals *Officers and members who are key to influencing the Council's ability to deliver responsible procurement.*
  - 248\* People Invited, an average of 20 per Council
- We wanted to achieve an overall participation rate of 50%
- \* This excludes people who were later removed as they were:
  - Too new to post
  - Unable to assess most of the value codes
  - Too junior
  - Long term sick/left



# Participating Councils

- ▶ 13 Councils participated  
– 11 Districts\*, 2 Unitaries
- ▶ 10 Councils achieved >50% response
- ▶ All Councils achieved >30%
- ▶ Overall, 151 people (61%) completed the Diagnostic

Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council  
East Herts District Council  
Great Yarmouth Borough Council  
Harrow Council  
Hertsmere Borough Council  
KLWN Council  
Luton Council  
North Herts Council  
Norwich City Council  
Peterborough City Council  
South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils  
Stevenage Borough Council  
South Cambridgeshire

# Reducing Our Scope 3 Emissions

## - Our Approach

- ▶ Carbon Reduction Plan
- ▶ Standing Orders
- ▶ Procurement Work Request
- ▶ Procurement Workbook
- ▶ Terms and Conditions
- ▶ Social Value Policy
- ▶ Social Value - Environmental Ask of Suppliers
- ▶ Suffolk Sourcing E procurement – supplier registration
- ▶ Top 100 suppliers – published information on websites

### Next Steps

- ▶ Carbon Reduction Plan/ Environmental Policy Checklist
- ▶ E survey to top 100 suppliers
- ▶ Environmental Impact Check





# Suffolk Sourcing – Supplier Registration (e procurement system)



All suppliers asked to update their registration to include the following environmental aspects:-

Suppliers will not be able to bid without answering the questions

Has your organisation committed to be Carbon Net Zero by 2030? :  Yes  No

Do you have a Carbon Reduction Plan / Environmental Plan in place? Further guidance can be found here - <https://bit.ly/3Cgq3ew> :  Yes  No

If yes, please provide a link to your published plan :

Do you measure your carbon emissions? :  Yes  No

If yes, which tool are you using? :