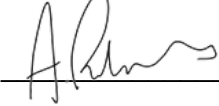


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We have for many years supported our local and the wider community in a variety of ways, including training and employment opportunities, raising money for local charities, sponsoring local organisations and through the provision of pro-bono or reduced fee services. In response to the requirements of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, we recognise that public sector organisations are required to weight their tenders towards work that can create maximum social value and the increasing emphasis on embedding social value in the delivery of built environment projects. We have therefore developed a Social Value policy which sets out our aims and objectives and seeks to formalise and quantify the value that we bring to public sector projects.

Quantifying, analysing and a targeted approach

We work alongside Compliance Chain to help measure and track our annual social value. Using this portal, we can track both social value for our efforts as a practice, and across our built projects - providing information which we endeavour to use in strengthening our case studies, improving our knowledge on social value best practice, and future Post Occupancy Evaluations.

The following are our aims and objectives for all public sector projects, where required by the commissioning authority:

Employment and skills

- ♦ We will seek to use benefits derived from all public sector contracts to create and sustain new jobs in our offices in Gloucester, Newport and London, including opportunities for architectural apprenticeships
- ♦ We will seek to provide educational experience and insight into our industry, within the communities in which our client's projects are located
- ♦ We will continue to support upskilling of our staff through the provision of continuous professional development (CPD) relevant to our client's projects

Community engagement

- ♦ We will support our clients (and encourage our supply chain to participate) by providing expertise and resources, taking part in community engagement relevant to the project

Environmental impact and sustainability

Building on our Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development Policy we will, through our design, support our client objectives to:

- ♦ Reduce waste
- ♦ Minimise impact on climate change
- ♦ Minimise negative impact on the environment

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Local economic benefit

Where appropriate to the project and available, we will seek to contract professional services and specify materials and products from the area local to the project.

Records

We will maintain records of the social value we deliver to demonstrate the value we have brought to the economy local to each project.

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Directors.

Signed:

Aled Roberts, Director

Dated:

19th October 2024

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