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1 Scope

- 1.1 This policy statement aims to outline BlueLight Commercial's Sustainability objectives and strengthen the organisation's overall commitment to be a leader in the field of Sustainability operating in line Government policies in England Wales.
- 1.2 BlueLight Commercial is committed to creating a sustainable inclusive society actively managing its operations in ways which optimise its value to the communities in which BlueLight Commercial works. Sustainability is therefore intrinsic to everything BlueLight Commercial does, and for this reason it manages sustainability through a suite of interdependent policies and procedures which collectively deliver its objectives.
- 1.3 Effective management of safety, health, environment, quality, energy, carbon reduction, and responsible sourcing is of key importance to the sustained success of its business. BlueLight Commercial has a single sustainability policy, which is regularly reviewed and communicated to employees, contractors, visitors, key stakeholders and its supply chain to inform and promote wider adoption of responsible practices. As a minimum, BlueLight Commercial complies with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Co-operation in the effective implementation and management of the policy is a condition of employment, partnership and supply.

2 Definition of Social Value

- 2.1 The 2012 (Social Value) Act places a statutory requirement upon Local Authorities, acting as public sector commissioning bodies, to consider at the pre-procurement stage the securing of proportional and relevant economic, social or environmental (or any combination of these) benefits when procuring services that exceed relevant OJEU thresholds. The effect of the Act has been to radically improve the ability of public sector buyers to secure Social Value within their commissioning activities.
- 2.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 , an Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision requiring public bodies to do things in pursuit of the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales in a way that accords with the sustainable development principle; to require public bodies to report on such action; to establish a Commissioner for Future Generations to advise and assist public bodies in doing things in accordance with this Act; to establish public services boards in local authority areas; to make provision requiring those boards to plan and take action in pursuit of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in their area; and for connected purposes.

3 Principles and Objectives of the Policy

3.1 BlueLight Commercial will realise Sustainability through its business and commissioning practices by:

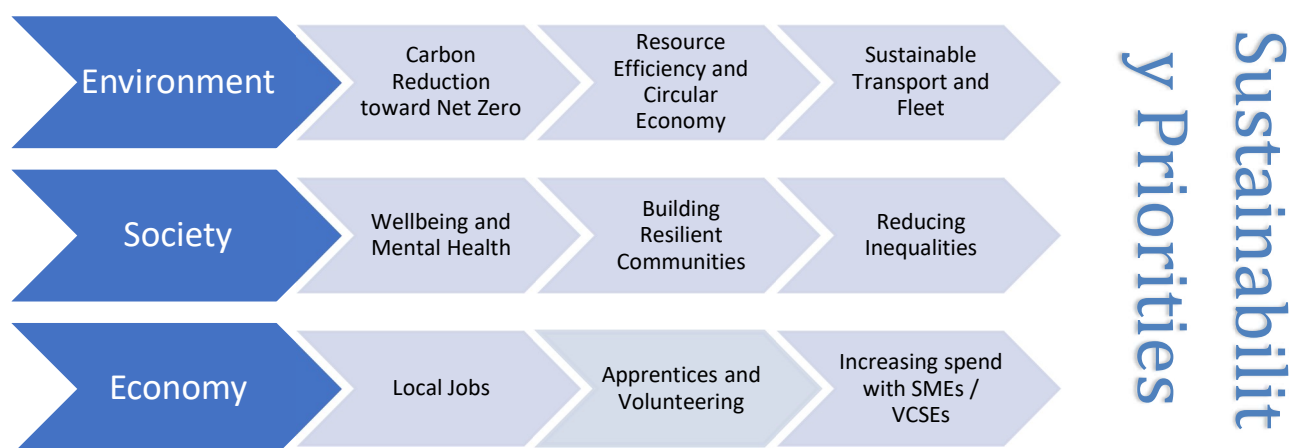
- Continuously enhancing suppliers' and policing's awareness, ownership and confidence in embedding, delivering and measuring Sustainability through effective communication, training and robust governance practices.
- Embedding Sustainability considerations across all commissioning activity, securing measurable, verifiable outcomes that are relevant and proportionate to the purpose of the services, goods or works being procured or grants being allocated.
- Consulting and engaging with all relevant stakeholders both within and outside BlueLight Commercial and using this insight to continually update both the scope and specificity of the key Sustainability priorities across policing.
- Promoting supplier diversity through its ethical and sustainable procurement practices; particularly focusing on increasing the number of Voluntary Community Social Enterprise's (VCSE's), and Small Medium Enterprise's (SME's), within BlueLight Commercial and policing supply chains. This will be achieved by improving the visibility and accessibility of business opportunities within policing and BlueLight Commercial, facilitated through direct engagement, supplier workshops, fair and equitable procurements and timely promotion of opportunities.
- Applying a standard weighting for Social Value within the tender process of a minimum of 10% of the Quality Evaluation Assessment.
- Utilising the BlueLight Commercial website as the main tool of communication between BlueLight Commercial and its suppliers as a resource for sustainability information and guidance.
- Effectively managing the delivery of contractually committed Sustainability obligations through robust contract management processes including contractual reviews and monitoring of performance against relevant and clearly defined KPI's.
- Annually reporting on Sustainability outcomes, through the timely production of reports which evidence the achievements of BlueLight Commercial's Sustainability approach with respect to the scope and nature of activities and the monetary value generated.
- We will engage with its stakeholders to encourage innovative development and procurement of BlueLight Commercial and wider policing's products, services and systems to continually improve its sustainability performance.

4 What are BlueLight Commercial's Sustainability commitments and priorities?

4.1 BlueLight Commercial is committed to delivering sustainability by:

- Using its spending power to contribute to a thriving local economy
- Providing active support to its suppliers so they can demonstrate social value
- Embedding within procurement practice and process
- Strengthening its supply chains
- Health, safety and well being
- Fairness, inclusivity and respect
- Measuring, communicating, and celebrating its collective impact

4.2 The following sustainability priorities have been identified where progress will be measured.



4.3 These priorities provide focus but do not reflect the full spectrum of sustainable value its suppliers will be delivering.

4.4 The UN Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice

4.5 BlueLight Commercial has identified eight Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) on which it will focus. This articulates BlueLight Commercial's intent against each of these SDGs and BlueLight Commercial will monitor, review and report annually its progress against these targets.

4.6 Where appropriate BlueLight Commercial will ensure the delivery of these priorities aligned to existing Police and Crime Commissioner Plans and policing strategies and commitments. Whilst BlueLight Commercial has selected SDGs, it will continue to explore and support the delivery of actions that respond to all seventeen goals. (See Appendix A)

4.7 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It will make the public bodies listed in the Act think more about the long-term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.

BLC will help to create a Wales that people and communities all want to live in, now and in the future. To make sure BLC are working towards the same vision, this policy recognises the seven well-being goals.(Appendix B)

Appendix A – BLC Targeted Sustainability Development Goals

BLC Targeted UN Sustainability Development Goals



Appendix B – Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – Well-Being Goals

Prosperous

An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.

Resilient

A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).

Healthier

A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.



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More Equal

A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).

Globally Responsible

A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.

Cohesive Communities

Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.



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