

Social Value/Corporate Social Responsibility Guide 2024

A guide to aid businesses to shape their Social Value offers when tendering for contracts offered by Solihull MBC, and to help direct Corporate Social Responsibility activity. See our Social Value webpage and policy for further information - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/business/social-value>.

Summary of delivery area:

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) values the positive contribution that the Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector organisations make within the borough. The services and activities delivered by the VCFSE sector are essential for communities to thrive. SMBC is committed to investment into the infrastructure that supports this sector.

The VCFSE sectors refer to voluntary sector organisations, such as charities, faith groups and organisations, community groups and social enterprises. The VCFSE Strategic Assessment undertaken in 2022/23 estimates there are approximately 3,600 groups and organisations active in the borough, they are of varying sizes and distributed across Solihull.

SMBC's Community Development Team works with individuals, community groups and organisations across the Borough, providing advice, guidance and practical help and support with local assets, resources, and capacity to develop community action and activities, as well as address local priorities. By understanding the needs of the VCFSE sector the community development team can provide information about the sector to shape a social value offer and to match the offer to need.

For any further information, contact cdt@solihull.gov.uk.