



COUNCIL MEETING

22 March 2018

**IMPLEMENTATION OF A CORPORATE SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE**

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to adopt a Corporate Social Responsibility Pledge within procurement activity.
2. The Pledge sets out how our supply chain can help us to deliver the best outcomes for people of Gateshead and asks suppliers to sign up to individual statements on behalf of their organisation. Tender processes will be designed to seek the best social value outcomes for that particular procurement.
3. The document will be reviewed in 12 months' time, once there is sufficient baseline information from which to determine the next steps.
4. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

5. It is recommended that Council:
 - (i) Approve the Corporate Social Responsibility Pledge and implementation of the processes outlined within the attached report
 - (ii) Authorise the Service Director, Corporate Commissioning and Procurement, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Council's Procurement Champion, to make minor amendment and/or additions to the Corporate Social Responsibility Pledge.