



## **What Are Community Benefits?**

Community Benefits are contractual requirements which deliver wider social benefits in addition to the core purpose of a council/public contract. The community benefits offered by contractors cover a wide range of topics, for example these can include:

- Financial grants
- Donations of goods, equipment or expertise to support local social enterprise community activities
- Employment and training opportunities, work experience, vocational training and up-skilling
- Small medium commercial enterprises can secure supply chain contracts as well as business mentoring/support
- Educational/School support initiatives

Engage Renfrewshire works in partnership with Renfrewshire Council's Procurement Forum to ensure that the value of community benefits from contractors to the Third Sector is maximised.

## **Examples of previous Community Benefit Activity**

- 21 supply chain contractors refurbishing a local community farm (estimated cost £38K) resulting in staff, volunteers, clients and visitors having safe and accessible entry to the farm yard and out buildings
- Provided 400 items of PPE, ensuring that project staff & volunteers had the appropriate health & safety equipment while out on site
- £69K in financial benefits provided direct to social enterprises (SE) via £1K-£3K grants

## How do I get involved?

Engage Renfrewshire process all third sector benefits and distribute application forms via the Renfrewshire Social Enterprise Network (RenSen)

To become involved, <u>register your Social Enterprise</u> with Engage Renfrewshire or for more information you can contact us on 0141 887 7707 or <u>info@engagerenfrewshire.com</u>

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