



Somewhere to Go Ltd
St John's Church Hall, 4a Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1NA

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G24 Social Value Policy - V.2

Somewhere To Go Ltd is a charity with the aim: to relieve poverty and distress among the most disadvantaged in the community, by providing a space where people can feel welcome and comfortable and create an environment which will enhance self worth & self esteem. To offer nourishing food, clothing; to facilitate access to medical & welfare services; help with housing and benefits.

Responsibility

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy complies with our legal and ethical obligations, and that all those under our control comply with it.

It is the responsibility of line managers to communicate the requirements of this policy and procedure to their employees. All staff including volunteers must comply with this policy and other associated policies and procedures. It is the staff members responsibility to ensure that they have read and understood all the relevant policies and procedures and if for any reason they are unclear they seek the guidance of their line manager.

This policy will enable Somewhere to Go to demonstrate its commitment to keeping safe the vulnerable adults with whom it works.

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Social Value principles are applied to ensure Somewhere to Go Ltd is able to maximise it's economic, social and environmental benefits to the town of Weston-super-Mare, the county of North Somerset and the citizens residing within these areas. Somewhere to Go Ltd will follow the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 and include its values in everything it does. This policy should ask as a baseline level to be met and Somewhere to Go Ltd will aim to surpass these expectations.

Definitions

For the purpose of this document, Social value is defined 'through the Public Services (Social Value) Act (2012) which requires all public sector organisations and their suppliers to look beyond the financial cost of a contract to consider how the services they commission and procure can improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of an area'. Although Somewhere to Go Ltd is not a Public Service in itself, it receives funding from Public Services and so will endeavour to follow to guidance stated in the Public Services (Social Value) Act (2012).

Social Value aims to move beyond making decisions based on financial cost or pride but instead seeks value for money by considering:

- Potential social benefits - involving people, culture and interactions

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- Potential economic benefits - e.g., money flow and financial resources
- Potential environmental benefits - including the place in which people live, the planet and the use of resources.

Social Value Aims

Somewhere to Go Ltd we aim to demonstrate positive or negative outcomes to people and the planet through social impact. Somewhere to Go Ltd works with vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals who are continuing to be negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

The Government Social Value Model, outlines the aims:

1. COVID-19 Recovery
 - a. Help local communities to manage and recover from the impact of COVID-19
2. Tackling economic inequality
 - a. Create new businesses, new jobs and new skills
 - b. Increase supply chain resilience and capacity
3. Fighting climate change
 - a. Effective stewardship of the environment
4. Equal opportunity
 - a. Reduce the disability employment gap
 - b. Tackle workforce inequality
5. Wellbeing
 - a. Improve health and wellbeing
 - b. Improve community cohesion

Somewhere to Go Ltd will strive to support the aims of the Government Social Value Model through the objectives:

1. Reduce poverty and inequality;
2. Increase the environmental sustainability of Somewhere to Go Ltd;
3. Enhance community economic and social wellbeing.

Social Value Objectives in Practice

Somewhere to Go Ltd will apply the principles of social value to its daily business operations by:

- Ensuring that staff are familiar with the objectives set;
- Regularly reviewing the objectives to evaluate their effectiveness;
- Working with other organisations committed to the development and implementation of Social Value;
- Using diligent checks to ensure we are working with suppliers, contractors and funding streams which support our Social Values.

Somewhere to Go Ltd is committed to ensuring they are reaching their social values and supporting the local community. Social Values are important to Somewhere to Go Ltd as an organisation which

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works with vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals ensuring our clients receive the best support from ourselves and we are supporting them in the wider community.

1. Reduce poverty and inequality

Focussing on reducing poverty and inequality, Somewhere to Go Ltd is committed to:

- Supporting local people with opportunities for skill development, training, experiences of work and volunteering opportunities;
- Support in the development of local businesses which support individuals who are experiencing poverty and inequality;
- Aim to pay all staff the living wage by September 2025.

2. Increase the environmental sustainability of Somewhere to Go Ltd

Focussing on increasing the environmental sustainability of Somewhere to Go Ltd, we are committed to:

- Supporting Weston-super-Mare to become a more ecologically friendly and biodiverse town through engagement with funding streams that support this objective;
- Engage with organisations which provide support to increase sustainability within organisations;
- Reduce and reuse waste, through our work in the Charity Shop and being mindful of waste produced in the day centre.

3. Enhance community economic and social wellbeing

Focussing on enhancing community economic and social wellbeing, Somewhere to Go Ltd is committed to:

- Promote volunteering opportunities within Somewhere to Go Ltd and other external opportunities for organisations within Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset;
- Promote the mental and physical health and wellbeing of local people, focusing on marginalised groups.

Furthermore, Somewhere to Go Ltd aims to:

- Eliminate discrimination within the services it provides and within the wider context of the local area.
- Advance equality of opportunity for those experiencing multiple disadvantages.
- Foster good relations between different people.

This Social Value policy is complemented by the Somewhere to Go Ltd policies:

- G08 Whistleblowing Policy;
- G17 Charity Due Diligence Policy;
- HSW05 Environmental Policy;
- HR04 Diversity and Equal Opportunities Policy;

And commitments to strive for accreditation under the Real Living Wage initiative.

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Governance and Communication

Commencing at the AGM in November 2025, Somewhere to Go Ltd will produce an annual report to document the change that Somewhere to Go Ltd has made as a result of its Social Value approach.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years in accordance with government and local publications.

This policy will be reviewed in March 2028.