

*These notes refer to the Public Services (Social Value) Act  
2012 (c.3) which received Royal Assent on 8 March 2012*

# **PUBLIC SERVICES (SOCIAL VALUE) ACT 2012**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND**

3. This Act was introduced by Chris White MP as a Private Member's Bill on 30 June 2010. The Act requires certain public authorities at the pre-procurement phase of procuring services to consider how what is being procured might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of an area and how the authority might secure that improvement in the procurement process itself. There is also a requirement that authorities consider whether to consult on these matters.
4. Guidance on taking into account social and environmental issues in the context of procurement has been published: *Social issues in purchasing* (February 2006) and *Joint note on environmental issues in purchasing* (October 2003). Guidance on the best value duty, *Best Value Statutory Guidance* (September 2011) has been published which requires certain public authorities to consider overall value – including social value – in the provision of services.