

# SUEZ Social Value and Renew Hub Update

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Collaborating

Empowering

Delivering

## 54 Social Value Commitments

- Generating social, economic and environmental benefits from Greater Manchester's waste
- A result of the way the contract was procured (15% of the marks were for social value)

# Social

- Pay the Real Living Wage
- Members of the Good Employment Charter
- 29 work placements for 14-17 years olds
- 6 work placements for over 18s
- 91 traineeships
- 45 apprenticeship roles
- Support 11 university research projects



# 45 Apprenticeship roles since 2019



**Beth,  
Fabricator  
and Welder**

**Dave, HWRC  
Chargehand**



**Dean,  
Electrician**



**Ben, Electrician**

# Economic

- Support the local economy by spending 60% of total expenditure within Greater Manchester boundary
- Run supplier days to procure local suppliers (e.g. local security company rather than national company)
- Example includes paper and card is recycled at paper mill in Trafford
- Set up Renew Hub, 3 Renew Shops and online sales via eBay
- Donate £100,000 to the GM Mayors Charity
- Donate £220,000 to the R4GM Community Fund

# Renew Hub

20 new jobs created  
2 apprentice furniture  
restorers



# Environmental

- Plant 200 trees every year with City of Trees
- Developing a biodiversity plan for the waste sites, includes ceasing use of herbicides for treatment of weeds, identifying locations for bird boxes, bugs and bees.
- Sustainability champions on each site
- Installed bike racks and EV charging points and have a travel to work plan
- 100% of electricity supplied is from renewable sources

# Bee Hives at Nash Road

Started with 4 hives and  
100,000 bees

Partnership with the  
Manchester Honey  
Company and the Bee  
Farmers Association





# Renew Hub and Shops

- Increase in sales year on year – over £1.7 million raised
- Annual support of £320,000 for the Community Fund and GM Mayor's Charity
- Repair pods expanded to include sewing, paint spray booth
- Renew Pop up shops work well in community locations

# Renew



## Renew Shops

Visit one of our three Renew Shops to grab yourself a pre-loved bargain... Once it's gone, it's gone!

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## Renew Hub

The UK's largest reuse facility, where we upcycle, fix, and refurbish items donated at Recycling Centres.

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## Renew Online

Browse our wide range of affordable pre-loved and renewed items via our online shop or ebay page.

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## Renew Pop-ups

We hold special Renew pop-up shops across Greater Manchester, bringing vintage and pre-loved bargains closer to home.

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## Workshops

Interested in upcycling? Looking to gain new upholstery skills? Learn from experts with workshops at Renew Hub in Trafford!

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## Renew Paint

Pre-loved water based paint is now available to purchase in a new paint pod at the Arkwright Street Renew shop.

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# Renew – what's new?

- Paint donation at 10 out of 20 HWRCs
- Paint sold at Arkwright St Renew Shop for £3 donation
- 4<sup>th</sup> shop will open at Reliance St HWRC next year
- In discussion with SUEZ about updating the social value commitments and how Renew will evolve as the contract progresses

**Thank you**  
**Any questions?**

