

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force on 31st January 2013 sections 1 and 2 of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012. These sections require certain public authorities at the pre-procurement phase of procuring public 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 by the procurement process itself. These sections also include a requirement that authorities consider whether to consult on these matters.

All other provisions of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 are already in force by virtue of section 4(2) of that Act.