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**2012 No. 3173 (C. 124)**

**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Public Services (Social Value) Act  
2012 (Commencement) Order 2012**

*Made - - - - 20th December 2012*

The Minister for the Cabinet Office makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 4(3) of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012(1):

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 (Commencement) Order 2012.

**Commencement of provisions**

2. Sections 1 and 2 of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 come into force on 31st January 2013.

20 December 2012

*Nick Hurd*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Cabinet Office

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## **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.