



Dear BESST Members,

BESST wouldn't exist without the support of its members, so many thanks for your continuous support over 2019.

The Public Services (Social Value) Act requires people who commission public services to think about how they can

also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Social value is not just important to the Public Sector but to the commercial sector too. I believe BESST delivers social value benefits to its members as well as environmental benefits.



Many businesses have already aligned their plans with the government 25 Year Environmental Plan issued in 2018. Organizations request their supply chain to deliver products and services with an added environmental benefit. General public concern on single use plastic is higher than ever and it is expected that government and businesses act to reduce the plastic pollution in the oceans. At the BESST steering group, we are aware of this pressure passed to organizations; this is why we want to support all our members to tackle these issues.

At Lyreco, circular economy and reduction of single use plastic are included in our 'Eco-Future' Sustainability plan. I am very pleased to announce that the company removed all single use cups from Telford head office first and gradually from all our sites in the UK and Ireland. Employees are provided with re-usable containers for coffee and water; in addition, the coffee cup bins were donated to several BESST member companies for re-use. We also hosted the BESST "Circular Economy" event in July, where we had the opportunity to share the initiatives we are taking internally to become a more circular economy business to BESST members.

Remember that at BESST we want to add the best value to your business. Please let us know the priorities you would like BESST to focus on.

Best Regards

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