



Social enterprises

A **social enterprise** is an organisation that undertakes some form of trading or business activity, aiming to operate sustainably over the longer term. What marks it out from commercial enterprise is its overriding purpose – a social objective rather than purely commercial profit maximisation for the benefit of its owners.

A social enterprise applies most and sometimes all of its surplus profits by reinvesting them in its social-purpose activities or investing them in the wider community.

Social enterprises can take a range of different legal forms, including private companies limited by guarantee or shares and community interest companies (CICs).

We offer social enterprises a wide range of expert legal consultancy and advisory services, as well as accounting, audit and related services. These are available to new start-ups and existing organisations.

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