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Dear Fraser Rickatson,

Your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write in response to your request for information received by the Council on 19 October 2023.

In your request you asked to be provided with information in relation to the following:

To enable care providers to work effectively with Local Authorities (LAs) to meet their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) commitments, the following information request looks to establish key information critical for Adult Social Care (ASC) providers to support LA to meet those commitments.

Q1. Please provide your LA definition for “local” in regard to the procurement of goods and services. Note: if you do not have a specific definition, please offer guidance to ASC providers as to how they should consider this in regard to supporting your LA.

Please refer to the publicly available weblink for Social Value guidance to providers through the Social Value Market Place:

[Social Value About - Home \(supplytosurrey.co.uk\)](http://supplytosurrey.co.uk)

Q2. Please provide your LA definition for “minority” in instances such as minority-owned businesses and similar contexts. Note: if you do not have a specific definition, please offer guidance to ASC providers as to how they should consider this in regard to supporting your LA.

The Council’s procurement service has confirmed that this information is not held.

We can however direct you to the below publicly available weblink to the purchasing terms and conditions page which contains an Overarching Contract document in relation to the provision of Adult Social Care and support services. This includes conditions of contract for ASC providers:

[Purchasing terms and conditions - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/purchasing-terms-conditions)

We can also direct you to the below weblink to the local authority’s commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion:

[Equality, diversity and inclusion - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/equality-diversity-inclusion)

Q3. Please state any energy commitments your LA are implementing over the next 1-3 years, and what you require from ASC providers to help achieve your LA commitments to net zero carbon ambitions etc.

The attached document sets out the Council's commitment to Net Zero Carbon in respect of its buildings and in particular any new buildings being constructed for the provision of Council services.

Any prospective DBFO (Design, Build, Finance, Operate) contractor will need to meet these requirements which form part of the Council's Design Brief in respect of new specialist Adult Social Care buildings.

Q4. Please can you provide a copy of, or a link to your current ESG policy statement, guidance, support and/or commitments or requirements as an LA.

Surrey County Council has a Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan, these can be accessed on the website here:

[Surrey's climate change strategy - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/climate-change-strategy)

In addition, please also refer to the below link:

[Sustainable development in Surrey - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sustainable-development)

Q5. Please provide information relating to any requirements necessary in respect of ESG for ASC providers to work with your LA, and state any weighting or scoring this may have on your decision to work with such ASC provider now or in the future.

These are tender specific. All of the Council’s tender opportunities require providers to consider ESG, weightings/scorings are always communicated within the tender documentation for each opportunity.

I hope you find the information provided helpful.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, in the first instance you should contact the Freedom of Information Officer for Surrey County Council, quoting your request number given above, at the Surrey address detailed below.

Freedom of Information Officer
Surrey County Council
Woodhatch Place
11 Cockshot Hill
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If you are not satisfied by Surrey County Council's response to your complaint, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner will normally expect you to have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the Cheshire address below.

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Or

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>

We supply this information based on your original request. Please do not hesitate to contact the team, should you have any queries regarding the information enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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