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Dear Requester

Request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

The council has considered your request, which was received on 19 October 2023 and our response to your questions is shown below.

Environmental, Social and Governance Freedom of Information Request.

Pre-amble

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.

Questions

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.

The council's current Procurement Strategy defines local spend for procurement purposes as

"The value of contracts awarded to organisations that operate principally within the boundaries of the Greater Nottingham economic area (defined for economic purposes as comprising: Nottingham City, the Boroughs of Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe and 4 wards of Hucknall)"

Please note this strategy is coming to the end of its final year and a new one will be launched in the new year (2024).

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



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specific definition, please offer guidance to ASC providers as to how they should consider this in regard to supporting your LA.

The council do not have a definition for 'minority' in this context. Whilst the EIRs give you the right to request any recorded information held by a public authority the council does not have to answer your question if this would mean creating new information or giving an opinion or judgment that is not already recorded. The above question, is a request for an opinion not recorded information held by the council. Therefore the requested information cannot be provided under regulation 12(4)(a) as it is not held by this authority please accept this letter as a partial refusal notice issued under regulation 14 of the EIR.

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.

Nottingham City Council has set the ambition for Nottingham to be a carbon neutral city by 2028 (CN28) further information can be found here: [Why do we need to act - Nottingham City Council](#)

The refreshed Procurement Strategy is due to be approved in early 2024. This is due to include CN28 aims, including suppliers over certain thresholds to have Carbon Reduction Plans.

The council do not currently have requirements from ASC providers to help achieve our commitments to net zero carbon ambitions. Therefore this information cannot be provided under regulation 12(4)(a) as it is not currently held by this authority please accept this letter as a partial refusal notice issued under regulation 14 of the EIR.

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.

There is no standalone ESG policy statement, it is embedded in other policies & strategies as relevant. In line with implementation of refreshed Procurement Strategy, further guidance will also follow in next 1-3 years. Therefore this information cannot be provided under regulation 12(4)(a) as it is not currently held by this authority please accept this letter as a partial refusal notice issued under regulation 14 of the EIR.

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 providers now or in the future.

The council do not have a set weighting for in respect of ESG for ASC providers. The weighting for tender scores is determined on an individual basis and is based on an assessment of all of the questions and the service being tendered. Therefore, this information cannot be provided under regulation 12(4)(a) as it is not held by this authority please accept this letter as a partial refusal notice issued under regulation 14 of the EIR.

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Yours sincerely

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