

EIR/FOI 006114 – Environment, Social and Governance Commitments - Responses shown in bold

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.

1. 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.

Leicestershire County Council’s Adults and Communities department does not have a definition of ‘local’ in respect of its procurement activity. All opportunities are open to all providers irrespective of their geographical location.

2. 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.

Leicestershire County Council’s Adults and Communities department does not have a definition of nor use the term ‘minority’ in respect of its procurement activity. The Council’s adult social care providers have a variety of ownership structures.

3. 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 Council’s Net Zero commitments are available here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/net-zero/net-zero-leicestershire>

The Net Zero strategy sets out the approach to delivering the council’s ambitions to work with others to achieve net zero carbon emissions in Leicestershire by 2045 or before. We are aiming to be a carbon neutral council by 2030.

4. 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.

Leicestershire County Council’s Adults and Communities department does not have an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policy, but its policies and strategies can be viewed here: <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/our-approach/policies-and-strategies>

The Council’s social value policy statement is available here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-11/LCC-Social-Value-Policy-Statement.pdf>

5. 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.

Requirements differ from procurement to procurement depending on the objectives, needs and so on of the specific services being procured. There are no set weightings or scoring in relation to ESG at this time.