

Reference Number: FOI001390 / INF001339

Request:

Please find the attached FOI for your attention.

For convenience, I have also shared the request in the below:

Environmental, Social and Governance Freedom of Information Request.

Pre-ambble

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Electronic or paper format: Electronic

Number of sub-cases created: 2

Corporate due date: 09/11/2023

First name: Fraser

Last name: Rickatson

Company name: Care England

Email address: Frickatson@careengland.org.uk

Response:

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.

If you wish to receive further information in regards to this request or wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request please forward your request to freedom@medway.gov.uk or Information Governance Team, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 & Environmental Information Regs. 2004



Serving You

Our definition of “local” isn’t specifically defined for the purpose of the procurement of goods/services. The procurement activities we conduct seek a social value commitment from perspective bidders, which would support the reduction of the contractual carbon footprint and provide employment opportunities to support this as well as other relevant measures from the SV TOMS.

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.

There isn’t a specific definition but the term “under represented” is considered to be more inclusive than “minority”.

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 council has committed to achieve next zero carbon by 2050. Each new commissioning activity has relevant and specific targets to meeting ESG commitments within the tendering process and service specifications.

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.

N/A

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.

To be decided per tender, cannot be pre-disclosed.

I trust this information is to your satisfaction, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Information Governance Manager, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR., or email freedom@medway.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you wish to receive further information in regards to this request or wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request please forward your request to freedom@medway.gov.uk or Information Governance Team, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR.