



Information Requests

Reference: 12945037

31 October 2023

Dear Requester

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Somerset Council.

Your Request and Our Response:

I have detailed below the information that we hold.

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. For the purposes of Social Value we interpret Local to be within the geographical County of Somerset. Within the central Procurement Policy Note 11/20 we are able to limit suppliers to specified geographical location for below threshold procurements. Where we choose to do this, it would be determined by the particular service required and any limitations in the marketplace within those geographical areas to ensure that we have a process which includes competition and makes best value of public funds.

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. We do not have a definition for 'minority' within the procurement process; providers are selected based on their ability to provide the service, the quality and price submitted in accordance with the principles of PCR 2015 to identify the Most Economically Advantageous Tender.

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.

Not for Procurement to respond - should fall under Kirsty Larkins team.

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. Again, Kirsty Larkins team should be able to assist with this question; however, our Social Value Policy which is related to this question can be found here: <https://somersectcc.sharepoint.com/sites/CAP/SiteAssets/SitePages/Social-Value-/SCC-Social-Value-Policy-Feb22.docx?web=1>

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.

This is determined for each particular contract as appropriate to the market and service required. Generally, there is a 10% weighting on Social Value commitments in line with the agreed Policy.

Please quote the reference number 12945037 in any future communications.

I will now close this request.

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail, or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me, and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with our response you may request an internal review. This is an independent investigation into the handling of your request, which is carried out by the Information Governance Team. The conclusions of this investigation, and if applicable, a fresh decision about the information to be provided, should be sent to you within twenty working days of receipt of the internal review request.

To request an Internal Review please respond to this letter detailing why you are not satisfied, and your request will be dealt with by the information governance team.

If you are not satisfied with the results of the internal review, you may then appeal directly to the Information Commissioner's Office with your complaint.

The Information commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Web address: www.ico.gov.uk

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Yours sincerely

Data Protection Records and Information Request Officer
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