

Mr Fraser Rikatson
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Email: replytoinfo@sefton.gov.uk
Date: 16 November 2023

Our reference: 12633293

Dear Mr Rikatson,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 19 October 2023.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Sefton Council. I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

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.

A: Sefton ASC has no specific definition of 'Local' that would be applicable across all Procurement processes.

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.

A: As above with Q1, ASC has no specific definition that can broadly be applied across all processes.

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.

A: Sefton Council has now switched to 100% carbon-free electricity as of April 2023, for all electricity consumption that the Council pays directly for. This electricity scheme is offered to ASC Providers on an optional basis – however please note that any partner provider organisations that pay their own bills are not part of Sefton Council's Net-Zero carbon target.

Furthermore, Sefton works closely with ASC Care Providers to develop 'decarbonisation' funding bids. This is currently on the basis of no additional funding being provided internally from the Council, therefore is dependent on bidding for external funding.

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.

A: In 2019, Sefton Council called a Climate Emergency. Our current approach to ESG is reflected in both our Sefton 2030 plans, and the 2040 Liverpool City Region 'Pathway to Net Zero' plan, which Sefton is working on closely with Liverpool City Council. More details on these plans and the full details of Sefton's Climate Emergency can be found through the link below:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/environment/energy-and-environment/climate-emergency/climate-emergency/>

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.

A: Sefton Adult Social Care has no set weighting that would apply to the requirement of ESG throughout all of ASC Procurements. Award criteria would be discussed for each individual tender process.

Please quote the reference number 12633293 in any future communications about this request.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,
Sefton Adult Social Care