

Dear Fraser Rickatson,

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Reference No: 21277397

Thank you for your request for information held by London Borough of Lewisham. Please find below, a copy of your request and our 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.*

[We define Local as within the London Borough of Lewisham.](#)

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[By minority we mean Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, or alternatively, what may be termed as ‘global majority’. In certain context, we may also mean other groups who are not traditionally represented in specific areas. For example, we regard minority-owned businesses as those where at least 50% of the makeup of ownership is of minority background, or female led.](#)

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.

[Lewisham is committed to becoming carbon neutral borough by 2030. As a part of this, we expect our providers to make similar commitments, which will be outlined within our Invitation to Tender documents and our Social Value requirements. We also require suppliers to submit a Carbon Reduction Plan as part of relevant tenders with an annual value of £5 million or more, and where appropriate elsewhere.](#)

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.

[Our Social Value Policy can be found here.](#)

[Our Sustainable Procurement Strategy can be found here.](#)

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.

[Our standard Social Value weighting in tender evaluations is 10%. We have a menu of social value KPI commitments which providers can choose to commit to within the contract, such as ethical business standards; jobs and skills commitments; local spending and support for businesses and the VCSE sector; contributions to improve Lewisham as a place, such as environmental improvements,](#)

volunteering and donations. Where appropriate, we may require a statement on the environmental impact of the business/service.

We hope you will find this information helpful.

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You have a right of appeal against this response which you can exercise by writing to: Freedom.information@lewisham.gov.uk

This must be requested within 40 working days of the date of this response. If you remain dissatisfied after receiving this decision, you then also have a further right of appeal, which you can make in writing, stating your reasons to the regulating body, the Information Commissioner's Office. Contact details are outlined below:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

Address: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

FOI Team
Information Security and Governance Team
Chief Executive's Directorate
Lewisham Council

From: Foi, Customer
Sent: 19 October 2023 16:44
To: Fraser Rickatson <Frickatson@careengland.org.uk>
Subject: FOI - 21277397 RE: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Fraser Rickatson,

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Thank you for your recent request.

Your request is being considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, subject to the application of any exemptions. Where consideration is being given to exemptions the 20 working day timescale may be extended to a period considered reasonable depending on the nature and circumstances of your request. In such cases you will be notified and, where possible, a revised time-scale will be indicated. In all cases we shall attempt to deal with your request at the earliest opportunity.

There may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information requested where the request exceeds the statutory limit or where disbursements exceed £10. In such cases you will be informed in writing and your request will be suspended until we receive payment from you or your request is modified and/or reduced.

Your request may require either full or partial transfer to another public authority. You will be informed if your request is transferred.

If we are unable to provide you with the information requested we will notify you of this together with the reason(s) why and details of how you may appeal (if appropriate).

Please note that the directorate team may contact you for further information where we believe that the request is not significantly clear for us to respond fully.

Kind regards

Customer Resolutions Administrator
Information Security & Governance
Chief Executive's Directorate
Lewisham Council

From: Fraser Rickatson <Frickatson@careengland.org.uk>

Sent: 19 October 2023 11:41

Subject: Freedom of Information Request

To whom it may concern,

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-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.

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