

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.

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.*

Please refer to the attached guidance document used in a recent procurement exercise.

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.*

The Council do not use ‘minority’ to determine the classification of a provider. The classification of a provider is based on the following as per [Standard Selection Questionnaire](#): a) Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) b) Sheltered Workshop, and c) Public service mutual

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 considers social, economic and environmental benefits for the Oldham Borough when commissioning public services. Please refer to the attached guidance for further information or you could also refer to the information as per link: <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200195/business/1901/procurement>

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.

Please refer to the attached guidance document

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.

The weightings are determined on a project to project basis. The attached guidance document provides more information on the weightings and criteria used in a particular project.