

Fraser Rickatson

From: FOI <FOI@sheffield.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 November 2023 17:13
To: FOI; Fraser Rickatson
Subject: RE: Response – Freedom of Information Request – Reference – FOI /946633

Dear Fraser Rickatson,

Thank you for your request for information relating to Environmental, Social and Governance commitments for Adult Social Care which we received on 19/10/2023.

Please find Sheffield City Council's response to your request set out below:

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. *We do not have a definition for Local, however for consideration Local is an area/Ward controlled by Sheffield City Council.*

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.*

It doesn't appear that a specific definition of 'minority' is used in the context either of Procurement or of Business Sheffield outside of the broader terminology covered by the Equality Act 2010, under which the Council has legal duties as a public authority. The protected characteristics are:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation

The Act's Public Sector Equality Duty requires public authorities to, 'in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is connected to protected characteristics and prohibited by or under [the] Act;**
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not;**
- (c) foster good relations between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not.'**

In the context of this enquiry, the Duty would require having due regard to the above when carrying out functions like tender processes and procurement activity; for example, whether the way the function is operated is helping to advance equality of opportunity.

This page describes the government's preferred style for writing about ethnicity - [Writing about ethnicity - GOV.UK \(ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/writing-about-ethnicity).

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.

Sheffield City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and subsequently set a net zero by 2030 target for both the city and organisations emissions. Our [10 Point Plan for climate action](#) provides the framework for how we'll work with partners to tackle the climate emergency across a range of sectors. In July 2023, the Council adopted its first of 7 [Decarbonisation Routemaps](#) on how the Council will work towards net zero and an action plan for the way we travel. Future decarbonisation routemaps will focus on our housing, energy generation and storage, our businesses and economy, the way we use our land, what we eat buy and throw away.

Please see the following link for further information: [What we're doing about climate change | Sheffield City Council](#)

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 see above response.

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.

Please see above response.

If you have any queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of your internal review, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office. Please see <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern> for further details.

Kind Regards,

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From: FOI

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 11:47 AM

To: 'Frickatson@careengland.org.uk' <Frickatson@careengland.org.uk>

Subject: Re – Freedom of Information Request – Reference – FOI /946633

Dear Fraser Rickatson,

Thank you for your request for information relating to Environmental, Social and Governance commitments for Adult Social Care which we received on 19/10/2023.

This has been logged as a Freedom of Information Request and will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The reference number for your request can be found above.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that we must respond to you within 20 working days, by 16/11/2023. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the email address below if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:41 AM

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.

Questions

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Kind regards,

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