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Fraser Rickatson

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Dear Fraser Rickatson

Freedom of Information Act 2000, Reference: FOI-141283-2023

The council has completed its search relating to your request about Environmental, Social and Governance Freedom of Information Request received on Thu, 19 Oct 2023.

Request

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Response

The council does hold information within the definition of your request.

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No formal definition. ASC providers should contact their relevant Contract Manager in respect to this as what the Council ask for would always be relevant and proportionate to the specific contract or ask a clarification question prior to submitting a bid when tendering if it is not covered in the Invitation to Tender (ITT documents).

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Cumberland Council has committed to producing its first Climate & Nature Strategy for adoption in Spring 2024. This will include an organisation Carbon and Energy Management Plan with commitments to reduce emissions over the near term. Any contract specific requirements for ASC providers will either be outlined to them in Contract Management meetings for current contracts or specifically detailed in the tender documents when new opportunities are advertised.

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.

An ESG policy statement will be developed once the Climate & Nature Strategy has been adopted. This will be published on the Councils website in due course.

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.

Any weightings or scoring relating to this would be in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents. We do not have a standard weighting or scoring for this element. Weightings are decided separately for each tender.

Any requirements in respect of ESG will be set out as part of the ESG policy statement. Any weightings/scorings related to this will be detailed in the tender documents when new opportunities are advertised.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team