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Dear Mr Rickatson

Your Freedom of Information Act Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information request dated 19 October requesting the following information:

- 1. 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.**

Hampshire County Council has no specific definition for ‘local’. We cannot offer guidance as this lies outside of the scope of the Freedom of information Act, which deals with recorded information.

- 2. 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 County Council has no specific definition for ‘minority’. We cannot offer guidance as this lies outside of the scope of Freedom of information Act, as advised in Question 1.

- 3. 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 County Council declared a Climate Change Emergency in June 2019 and as a result has published its [Climate Change Strategy 2020-2025](#) and set [Climate Change Targets](#) for the county.

The County Council has developed guidance for contract owners, commissioners and procurement staff 'Climate Change and Procurement – A Guide for Implementation' (attached) to support our approach.

4. 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.

There is no Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) statement or policy.

5. 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 provider now or in the future.

The requirements for ESG are unique to each procurement based on the requirements of the contract at that time, they are in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) - [The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#), and Hampshire County Council's contract standing orders.

Yours sincerely

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Jane Broughton
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