

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.

- 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.*

[Wigan Borough preferably or within Greater Manchester or North West region. Any provider is encouraged and supported to set up a base within the Wigan borough. Please find link to Wigan Council resources on community wealth building. Community Wealth Building \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)
- 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.*

[Wigan Council does not have a specific definition and would be guided by the national definition - In the UK a minority business enterprise is a business that is more than 50% owned and operated by a member\(s\) of a minority \(understanding by "minority" a group, the members of which are of a different ethnicity or have a different culture or religion to the majority of other people in the country\).](#)
- 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.

[Wigan Council has an ongoing commitment to be net zero by 2038.](#)
- 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.

[Equality and Diversity \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)
- 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.

[Introduction to corporate procurement](#)

[We have produced a Procurement and Commissioning Strategy 2013 - 2016.](#)

[This strategy emphasises the importance of the Public Services \(Social Value\) Act 2012 and the continuing importance of Sustainable Procurement in delivering wider social, economic and environmental objectives in ways that offer real long-term benefits to the local community.](#)

[Wigan Council has also adopted the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Social Value Policy to deliver social value through procurement and commissioning. Building on this, Wigan Council recently introduced its approach to Community Wealth Building \(external link\) which identified a series of priorities and key areas of focus as to how social, economic and environmental benefits can be delivered sustainably for Wigan's residents.](#)