



REQUEST 18706

Please could I have a copy of Wigan Council's procurement policy for schools?

In light of the Procurement Act legislation how does this change impact on school buying?

RESPONSE

The Scheme for Financing Schools is an internal procedure and control document. Unfortunately, it is not available in the public domain.

However, to note some changes to this document are based on new public procurement legislation as follows:

- Removal of reference to the UK's Public Contract Regulations 2015 as this has been replaced by the Procurement Act 2023.
- Intent to consider local suppliers, wherever possible
- Removal of reference to most economical advantageous tender (MEAT), replaced by most advantageous tender (MAT)
- Reference to the Government's new Central Digital Platform, "Find A Tender"
- Reference to the change in standstill period duration
- Reference to the contract changes allowable under the Procurement Act 2023.