



## Freedom of Information Request FOI 25 57

### Procurement Act 2023 & Local Government Association Transformation Guidance

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to your organisation's response to:*

- 1. The implementation of the Procurement Act 2023, and the National Procurement Policy Statement effective from 24 February 2025.*
- 2. The Local Government Association's (LGA) Transformation Guidance and associated outcomes.*

*In light of this, we request:*

- a. Details of the preparations, processes, and procedures your organisation has implemented to specifically meet the requirements of inclusive procurement as outlined above. Within the Act and as part of the procurement objectives DWFRS must have regard for/consider only SMEs voluntary, community, and social enterprises. All Suppliers will be able to access our procurement opportunities including advertised preliminary market engagement events. Lotting of procurements will be part of our considerations.*
- b. Contact details of the teams or individuals responsible for early engagement with small businesses, start-ups, and social enterprises, to ensure these groups are not disadvantaged in public procurement opportunities. We do not have specific contacts/teams*
- c. Information on how your organisation plans to manage, monitor, and measure performance in these areas. We currently do not have any plans in place.*
- d. Details of the e-tendering solution you use. We use In-tend Bluelight e-Tendering Portal – Link and information on registration to this is available from our website - <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/about-us/our-contracts/>*

### *2. Local Government Association Transformation Guidance*

*The LGA is actively promoting transformational change in local government, with a focus on improving systems, processes, workforce skills, and overall service delivery. These efforts have strong links to procurement strategy and Pipeline Notice planning.*

*Please provide the following:*

- a. Contact details of your key Transformation Leads. We do not have any Transformation Leads within the service.*



- b. *The processes and procedures these leads follow to ensure that small businesses, start-ups, and social enterprises are considered as potential support or delivery partners.***
- c. *Details of major transformation strategies and initiatives undertaken in the past 12 months, including whether any have upcoming additional or secondary delivery phases.***
- d. *Information on key transformation outcomes or milestones your organisation is targeting over the next two years.***

**Response:**

**Please see our response to your questions in yellow.**

**Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 30, May 2025**