



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-065, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

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.
- 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.
- c. Information on how your organisation plans to manage, monitor, and measure performance in these areas.
- d. Details of the e-tendering solution you use.

Please provide the following:

- a. Contact details of your key Transformation Leads.
- 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:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules (part of the Constitution) and the more detailed Procurement Guide have both been amended to reflect the changes required as part of the implementation of the Procurement Act 2023.

Staff training was also provided on the 17th September 2024 and 27th March 2025.

The Council currently uses Proactis e-tendering software.

The Council doesn't have a dedicated transformation team.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-065.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.