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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-349, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and would be very grateful for your help please.

1. A copy or link to the Authority's social value policy, strategy, framework or similar document (or a link to it) if there is one. And latest annual report/annual statement, or update, if available.
2. Has the Authority applied the concept of social value more widely than the revised best value guidance? And if so, details about how.
3. The percentage of the Authority's tenders over the past 12 months where the Public Services (Social Value) Act has been applied where it could have been applied (that is to say, how much use does the Authority make of the Act).
4. Where social value is included in contracts, the average weighting that it is given in scoring across those contracts.
5. A copy or link to any evaluation or estimation of social value commitment made at both the contracting stage and at social value delivery stage, as a result of the Authority's application of the Social Value Act.
6. What calculator(s) has the Authority adopted to calculate social value?
7. What proportion of council spend is used to draw down social value?
8. Where does responsibility for social value sit within the Authority, e.g. with the head of procurement or with a cabinet member? Which departments have staff whose role includes "social value" outside the procurement department?
9. Has training taken place for staff? Are there toolkits and resources for staff on social value?
10. Please provide a list of all suppliers of council goods, services and works last financial year. Where possible, please include details including company registration number, postcode/location, sector. If you hold data on which suppliers are VCSEs or SMEs, please share this.

Response:

1. Social Value is included as part of the Contract Procedure Rules included in the Council's constitution: [The council's constitution | East Cambridgeshire District Council \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)
2. ECDC considers social value where applicable in all procurements over £100k
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4. Usually 5%
5. No contracts with a Social Value evaluation have yet been completed

6. N/A

7. N/A

8. Social Value is a consideration for all staff

9. Social Value is included in the general procurement training for all staff with procurement responsibilities

10. [Open Data: Procurement Information | East Cambridgeshire District Council \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/open-data/procurement-information)

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-349.

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.