



My Ref: FOI 6097
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

**1. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier location data, including whether suppliers are classified as:
local to the authority area,
regional,
UK-wide,
or otherwise geographically categorised?**

If yes, please confirm:

- a) whether this is collected ad hoc or systematically;**
- b) whether it is reportable centrally;**
- c) whether reporting is available by spend and/or supplier count.**

The Council currently collates data from our SAP ERP system to confirm if Vendor is located in the Barnsley borough, based on a defined list of postcodes for inclusion.

This is reported internally as required and can be produced as spend or supplier count.

**2. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier size information, including whether suppliers are identified as:
micro businesses,
SMEs,
or large enterprises?**

If yes, please confirm:

- a) whether this is collected ad hoc or systematically;**
- b) whether it is reportable centrally;**
- c) whether reporting is available by spend and/or supplier count.**

As part of our publication of our Contract Register we report on whether the contract is with an SME or VCSE organisation.

We do not currently capture this level of detail on our Vendor records.

**3. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier ownership or diversity characteristics, including (where voluntarily declared):
female-owned businesses,
minority-owned businesses,
social enterprises,
VCSEs,
employee-owned businesses,
or other diverse supplier classifications?**

If yes, please confirm:

- a) which classifications are monitored;**
- b) whether this is collected ad hoc or systematically;**
- c) whether it is reportable centrally.**

As part of our publication of our Contract Register we report on whether the contract is with an SME or VCSE organisation.

We do not currently capture any of these details on our Vendor records.

4. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier Living Wage accreditation or equivalent fair employment commitments?

If yes, please confirm:

- a) whether accreditation status is validated;**
- b) whether it is monitored during contract life;**
- c) whether this is reportable centrally.**

No

5. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier Net Zero commitments, carbon reduction plans, or environmental credentials?

If yes, please confirm:

- a) whether evidence is validated;**
- b) whether progress is monitored during contract life;**
- c) whether this is reportable centrally.**

No

6. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier Modern Slavery statements, supply chain compliance declarations, or related ethical sourcing information?

If yes, please confirm:

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- a) whether statements are assessed or risk-rated;**
- b) whether monitoring occurs during contract life;**
- c) whether this is reportable centrally.**

Where applicable to the organisation, based on its scale, modern slavery statements will be captured in the procurement process for any tender undertaken by the Strategic Procurement team as part of the minimum standards.

**7. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier financial risk information, including:
credit risk,
insolvency indicators,
CCJs,
or other forms of financial resilience assessment?**

If yes, please confirm:

- a) whether this is undertaken internally or via third-party providers;**
- b) whether monitoring is ongoing or procurement-stage only;**
- c) whether this is reportable centrally.**

Financial due diligence is conducted by our internal team as part of the procurement process on a proportionate basis.

Elements of financial monitoring are conducted for high risk, high value contracts but this is not reported centrally.

**8. Does your organisation formally monitor or report:
spend with SMEs,
spend with local suppliers,
spend with VCSEs,
spend with diverse-owned businesses,
or other responsible procurement outcomes?**

If yes, please provide details of:

- a) which metrics are reported;**
- b) how frequently reporting occurs;**
- c) whether reporting is internal, public-facing, or both.**

No – Not formally.

9. Does your organisation use any formal framework or methodology to assess or measure supplier social value, responsible procurement, or community benefit outcomes?

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Examples may include:

**TOMs,
Procurement Act reporting,
bespoke social value frameworks,
carbon accounting methodologies,
or other structured approaches.**

Yes – The Council use TOMS as a measure of social value commitments included in the procurement process.

10. Please identify any systems, platforms, or external tools currently used to manage:

**procurement analytics,
supplier due diligence,
supplier monitoring,
social value reporting,
contract management,
or responsible procurement activity.**

The Council use;

- CreditSafe – Financial due diligence
- Company Watch – Financial due diligence
- Atamis – Contract Management Module.

11. Following implementation of the Procurement Act 2023, has your organisation made any changes to:

**supplier monitoring,
social value measurement,
supplier due diligence,
reporting processes,
or responsible procurement practices?
If yes, please provide brief details.**

The Council is in the process of implementing a more formal approach to contract management.

12. Please confirm whether the information above is:

**fully centrally reportable,
partially reportable,
held across multiple systems,
or not currently reportable in a structured format.**

This information is held across multiple systems.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Barnsley
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email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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