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Our ref: 5456028

Thank you for your request received on 10 July 2019, for the following information:

Please could you provide a breakdown of which mechanisms you procure consultancy services from, specifically:

- 1. Do you use national procurement frameworks to procure consultancy?**
 - a. If so, which frameworks do you use, and what proportion of your consultancy spend over the last 12 months has been on each of the frameworks you are part of.**
- 2. Do you use third party neutral vendors/procurement solution providers (eg ESPO, Bloom, Procurement hub) to procure consultancy?**
 - a. If so which do you use, and what proportion of your consultancy spend over the last 12 months has been on each of the vendors you use.**
- 3. Do you use internal frameworks to procure consultancy? (IE frameworks that are not national, that you administer yourselves or share with a small number of other local authorities)**
 - a. If so what proportion of your consultancy spend over the last 12 months has been on each of the frameworks you have and when will they expire/re-open for applications.**
- 4. Have you procured consultancy services through your own unique, project specific tender processes? (for example advertising a tender for a specific consultancy piece of work)**
 - a. If so what proportion of your consultancy spend was procured through this route, and where do you advertise such opportunities?**
- 5. Have you procured consultancy services through any other mechanisms in the last 12 months? (for example direct awards). If so what proportion of your consultancy spend was this for.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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consultancy services from, specifically:

1. Do you use national procurement frameworks to procure consultancy?

Yes

a. If so, which frameworks do you use, and what proportion of your consultancy spend over the last 12 months has been on each of the frameworks you are part of.

Frameworks used being ESPO; LGPR

2. Do you use third party neutral vendors/procurement solution providers (eg ESPO, Bloom, Procurement hub) to procure consultancy?

As above a.

If so which do you use, and what proportion of your consultancy spend over the last 12 months has been on each of the vendors you use.

As above

3. Do you use internal frameworks to procure consultancy? (IE frameworks that are not national, that you administer yourselves or share with a small number of other local authorities)

No

a. If so what proportion of your consultancy spend over the last 12 months has been on each of the frameworks you have and when will they expire/re-open for applications.

N/A

4. Have you procured consultancy services through your own unique, project specific tender processes? (for example advertising a tender for a specific consultancy piece of work)

Capita contracts, NSCSO and DRS available on www.barnet.gov.uk

a. If so what proportion of your consultancy spend was procured through this route, and where do you advertise such opportunities?

Please refer to OJEU notices attached. Spend is available in £500 spend reports available on <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

5. Have you procured consultancy services through any other mechanisms in the last 12 months? (for example direct awards). If so what proportion of your consultancy spend was this for.

Please see attached spreadsheet

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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