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Our ref: 7567032

Thank you for your request received on 16 August 2021, for the following information:

I would like to request any information you have available in written or electronic format in data spreadsheet or Word/text document, regarding procurement and/or tender results decided by the authority, relating to the Social Value (Public Services) Act 2012 - specifically the following:

For each completed procurement exercise or tender where a Social Value component has formed part of the award criteria:

- * Name of organisation winning the tender or contract**
- * The winning organisation's social value created as a monetary amount, provided as part of their final submission or offer**
- * The winning organisation's social value investment amount, or input cost monetary amount, submitted as part of their final submission or offer**
- * Value of the tender or contract**
- * Duration of the tender or contract**
- * The name of the Social Value framework (if any) utilised by the winning tender for valuations of social value created.**

I would like to request the information you should have recorded above, for the latest 'year end' you have available.

I am compiling statistical research about social value used in tenders and procurement, to be able to complete a national benchmarking analysis, which can then be fed back to the authority.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

For each completed procurement exercise or tender where a Social Value component has formed part of the award criteria:

- * Name of organisation winning the tender or contract multiple contracts weighting for social value in evaluation 5-10% dependent on requirement***

**** The winning organisation's social value created as a monetary amount, provided as part of their final submission or offer to be verified with service area review***

**** The winning organisation's social value investment amount, or input cost monetary amount, submitted as part of their final submission or offer***

**** Value of the tender or contract***

**** Duration of the tender or contract as above***

**** The name of the Social Value framework (if any) utilised by the winning tender for valuations of social value created. n/a Barnet does not currently participate as an authority with Social Value Portal***

I would like to request the information you should have recorded above, for the latest 'year end' you have available.

The London Borough of Barnet is obliged under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Social Value Act 2012 to have regard to social value for procurements in excess of the tender threshold currently £189,330. At the time of coming into being the threshold was lower.

See Committee Report on 1 January 2020

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s56939/Annual%20Procurement%20Forward%20Plan%20APFP%2020202021.pdf>

Barnet has also under good practice and transparency identified social value as part of evaluation criteria for lower than threshold requirements where social value delivery would apply and provide benefit however as the Council did not have endorsement of a social value policy the level of evaluation was limited to a 5-10% weighting as it could not be quantified as to why the requirement was being made as the Council itself had not endorsed such activity.

Under the Search facility search under <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk> using the term 'Contract Awards' to see full Delegated Powers Report which sets out outcomes from agreed Annual Procurement Forward Plan 2020/21 [Appendix 1 Annual Procurement Forward Plan 202021.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

The Council is presenting a Social Value Policy to P&R Committee in September for endorsement which does mean that going forward social value weightings can be higher 20% and data to inform targets in support of Council policy will be requested.

Procurement do not hold a central register regarding social value and the data attained is likely to be overseen by strategy going forward.

Barnet has not worked with the Social Value Portal to date or adopted the TOMs method of calculation of benefit, this is part of the new Social Value Policy so to date.

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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