

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Please can you reply to the below freedom of information request concerning housing maintenance budget and procurement policy.

- 1. How many council homes does your authority manage.**

We currently manage 22,876 properties.

- 2. Please provide the total budget spend on housing maintenance and repairs to managed council housing properties in the financial years 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11.**

The total budget spend on maintenance and repairs by contractors and our in-house staff is:

2008/09 = £25,616,884

2009/10 = £26,380,474

2010/11 = £27,670,891

- 3. Please provide the total budget spend of housing maintenance and repairs to managed council housing properties in the financial years 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 completed by:**

- a) Medium sized enterprises**
- b) Small sized enterprises**
- c) Micro sized enterprises**

Definition of these categories provided in the following link and the below table, any of the three criteria can be used to categorise the enterprise. http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/facts-figures-analysis/sme-definition/index_en.htm.

Company category	Employees	Turnover	or	Balance sheet total
Medium-sized	< 250	≤ € 50 m		≤ € 43 m
Small	< 50	≤ € 10 m		≤ € 10 m
Micro	< 10	≤ € 2 m		≤ € 2 m

All of the contractors that carried out work during 2009 to 2011 fall under the SME band. The Council currently does not have the data to separate

the individual contractors into Medium, Small & Micro. However, our Corporate Procurement team will be looking at collecting this type of data in the near future depended upon resources. Therefore, this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with this section of the Act, this information is not held by the Council.

4 Is it a policy requirement of your authority when awarding a contract for housing maintenance works that the contract value must be less than 20% of the total company turnover? Yes or No

No. The council carries out a full financial check on the companies that have applied and this is in relation to the value of the tender.

5 What policies and initiatives do you have in place to encourage Small and Medium sized enterprises to bid for housing repairs and maintenance contracts, and please can you provide any documentation you may have in this area.

The Council ensures when placing any OJEU notices that all SME's can apply. This is reinforced in the OJEU T&C's by ticking the SME box:

"The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). For the avoidance of doubt, the contracting authority points out that no weight will be attached to whether or not an economic operator is an SME in selecting economic operators to submit tenders or in assessing the most economically advantageous tender."

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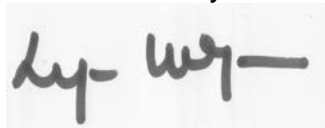
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager