Further to your Information request FOI64726 please find your questions and our responses below:

Question:

1. What percentage of your local authority’s total procurement budget is spent on goods and services from suppliers and providers in the local authority area?
2. What percentage of your local authority’s total procurement budget is spent on goods and services from suppliers and providers based out of the local authority?
3. Do you use social value clauses in your procurement contracts? If so, in what percentage of contracts do you use social value clauses?
4. Do you believe that the Social Value Act will make it easier for you to take into consideration the wider social and economic benefits of contracts when awarding tenders?
5. Has your local authority ever faced legal action for a claimed breach of EU procurement laws?
6. Do you take into account issues such as whether suppliers pay the Living Wage and/or offer other non-statutory benefits to employees?
7. Do you take into account ethical procurement issues such as ‘Fairtrade’ status or Labour rights when procuring goods initially produced in developing countries?
8. Do you believe central government cuts to Local Government Finance will have a negative upon the ability of your council to take into account wider social value when awarding contracts?

Response:

1) Information not held
2) Information not held
3) The Authority uses a number of Central Government Framework Contracts as well as a number of Frameworks developed by other Authorities and Purchasing Organisations. Contracts for our own specific needs are individually tailored for the types of goods and services required and information as to the percentage of our contracts that use social value clauses is not held.
4) Information not held
5) No not that we are aware
6) Information not held
7) No products are sourced directly from developing countries. RBWM follow the principles and ruling set out under the CJEU judgement Case C-368/10, Commission v Netherlands when procuring goods.
8) Information not held

This concludes your request FOI64726.
If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

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