

Southwark Council

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## Letter to contractors

Dear Sir or Madam,

### Southwark Council's Fairer Future Procurement Framework

I am writing to let you know that Southwark Council has recently agreed a new Fairer Future Procurement Framework (FFPF) and an End Violence at Work Charter.

The council's work is underpinned by a set of core values which define the kind of council we want to be, how we work, and what our residents and partners can expect from us. Whether we are delivering a service directly, or procuring from an external contractor, we expect the same high standards. That is why we have developed the framework which will ensure that all procurement activity is undertaken to the highest ethical, sustainable and responsible standards and within a robust and transparent governance framework.

You can view a copy of the framework on our website here:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/10851/Appendix-1-Southwark-Council-FFPS-2019-Update-v2.pdf>

As you are already delivering goods or services on behalf of the council, we are writing to you to draw your attention to the framework. Many of the elements will already be familiar to you but we hope that pulling these various policies into one place will make it easier to understand the expectations of the council in procurement. I would particularly draw your attention to a number of provisions:

- Health & Safety and Wellbeing
- Gender pay gap and BAME pay gap reporting
- The Mayor's Good Work Standard
- Southwark Construction Charter
- Modern Slavery
- Social Value

On 27 March 2019, Council Assembly approved the End Violence at Work Charter. You can access a link to the Charter here:

<https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2018/04/24948.pdf>

We are writing to ask you as an existing contractor to sign up to the provisions in the framework and the End Violence at Work Charter which we hope you will agree provide a strong basis on which to conduct business. Looking forward, we will also be requiring all new contractors to sign up to the provisions in this framework and the Charter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Contract Manager.

Yours faithfully,

Elaine McLester

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