



Reference: RFI 1807036

North Tyneside Council

Request:

Please can you address the following questions, if you hold information on them:

1. Has the council outsourced its planning department (responsible for town and country planning)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services?

Yes – planning services are delivered as part of a Technical Services Partnership between the Council and Capita

2. Has the council outsourced any part of its planning services (planning policy, development management, planning enforcement)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services?

Yes – as above all planning services are provided under the Technical Services Partnership.

3. Please provide details of any company providing statutory planning services or service support for planning to the council. If such provision exists, how long has the company provided services to the council, how long does the contract last for and what is the value of the contract?

The Technical Services Partnership is a 15 year, circa £150m partnership which commenced in November 2012.

4. Are planning officers responsible for delivering the council's town and country planning responsibilities employed directly by the council? If not, who are they employed by?

The Technical Services Partnership includes staff employed by both North Tyneside Council and Capita.

5. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to process planning applications on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

No. All planning services are provided under the Technical Services Partnership.

6. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to develop planning policy on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

No. All planning services are provided under the Technical Services Partnership.

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7. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to conduct planning enforcement work on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

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