



Camden and Islington Borough Councils

Islington London Borough Council is the local authority for the London Borough of Islington. The council was created by the London Government Act 1963 and replaced two local authorities: Finsbury Metropolitan Borough Council and Islington Metropolitan Borough Council. Camden London Borough Council is the local authority for the London Borough of Camden. Both make up part of the 32 London borough councils in the UK.

Litmus managed a catering tender project for both the boroughs' school meal provision, resulting in the catering contract being awarded to the same contractor.

Background

Litmus had an initial appointment with Camden Council to explore the possibilities of managing a catering tender project for the borough's school meal provision. The borough already had their own e-procurement system and department. Litmus presented the LTMS system to the council team and they were impressed with its capabilities.

Brief

Litmus was bought in to run the LTMS system alongside that of Camden. Islington Council also joined and the decision was taken to include their school meals provision within the catering tender.

Approach

Mike Yarnold, the Litmus Partnership, said: "We very much worked as a team with the councils on this project, with each party leading on different parts of the process. The boroughs managed the PQQ process, developed their catering specification and catering contract. We built a specific LTMS site for Camden and Islington and the bidding catering contractors submitted their bids via the Camden portal as well as our LTMS system.

"We provided both boroughs a detailed and informative catering analysis report and were part of the panel that eventually awarded the catering contract."

Outcomes

The catering contract for both councils was awarded to the same provider in 2012, which resulted in a streamlined approach for both councils.

▶▶ *Subsequently, in 2017 we conducted the same exercise and this time we used our consumer insight program to gather the opinions of the Head Teachers from each school within the borough. We then conducted one-to-one interviews with four selected Heads from each borough and compiled a report for the clients on the results.* ◀◀

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