Clarification Questions: Democracy and Local Nature

**Q: The RFQ document includes two submission dates '4th Jan 2022 at 17:00 GMT' and 'noon 11th January 2022' (Page 3). Could you please clarify the deadline? Given that this is the holiday season, we would greatly appreciate it if it were possible for the deadline to be on the later of the two dates specified in the RFQ.**

A: The submission date has been extended to 11th January 2023 at 12:00 GMT.

**Q: In the RFQ under the heading ‘Quotation Submission,’ there are four bullet points stating evaluation criteria. Below this list is a table explaining how each criterion is weighted and lengthened, which includes only three sections. There is no indication of the word limit and the weighting of the provisional project plan and risk assessment. Would you be able to clarify in which section the fourth bullet point should be included, its maximum length, and how it will be scored?**

A: An updated RFQ has been posted on the contract finder website which now covers this point. I have also posted a copy of the updated table below.

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| **Criteria** | Maximum available score | Weighting | **Maximum length** |
| **Project team experience** | 100 | 30% | 800 words excluding CVs |
| **Methodology** | 100 | 45% | 800 words |
| **Understanding of NEs requirements** | 100 | 15% | 500 words |
| **Provisional Project plan and how any risks are to be managed or mitigated** | 100 | 10% | 500 words |