



Our Ref: 003057/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 13 October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 15/09/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I wish to obtain the following documents:

- 1. ICT/IM&T/IS Strategy- The IT department strategy or plans, highlights their current and future objectives.*
- 2. ICT Org Chart- A visual document that presents the structure of the IT department, please include name and job titles. If this cannot be sent, please work towards a structure with job titles.*
- 3. ICT Annual or Business Plan- Like the ICT strategy but is more annually focused.*
- 4. ICT Capital Programme/budget- A document that shows financials budget on current and future projects.*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

1. Leicestershire Police's Digital Transformation Strategy is already published on our website and can be found at:
https://www.leics.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/leicestershire/disclosure_2020/08.-august/2350-20-digital-transformation-strategy-2019-2024.pdf
Any further strategy relating to ICT is considered exempt by virtue of Section 31 as set out below.
2. Please see attached organizational chart for Leicestershire Police's ICT department.
3. Information relating to this request is considered exempt by virtue of Section 31 as set out below.
4. Leicestershire Police capital budget for ICT for the year 2020/21 is £6,304,000. Any further breakdown is considered exempt by virtue of Section 31 as set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption(s) applicable relate to your request are as follows:

- Section 31 – Law Enforcement

Section 31 is a prejudice based, qualified exemption and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused as well as carrying out a public interest test.

Overall harm for Section 31

ICT is fundamental to how the Police Service manages the technological challenges faced in modern policing. Information that exposes details of the ICT organisation could be used to the advantage of terrorists or criminal organisations and individuals.

Factors favouring disclosure of information for Section 31

The public are entitled to know how public funds are spent and by disclosing this information the public would be able to see where public money is being spent and know that the Police are doing as much as they can to investigate and combat crime/terrorism.

Revealing this information would enable the public to have some reassurance that the force's ICT programme is robust. This is an issue high on the public agenda and therefore the release of this information would contribute to an informed public debate.

Factors against disclosure of information for Section 31

Disclosure of ICT strategy and plans along with current and future objectives would mean that law enforcement tactics would be compromised, which would hinder the prevention and detection of crime. It would expose police resources and create a mosaic effect highlighting 'soft' areas of the country that could be exploited. This would adversely affect public safety and have a negative impact on law enforcement.

Balance test

Whilst there is a strong public interest in the transparency of policing technology, Leicestershire Police will not divulge information if it is likely that it will compromise the work of the Police Service or place members of the public at risk. Disclosure of the requested information would highlight areas that could be exploited by criminals.

This will adversely affect Leicestershire Police's ability to detect and prevent crime, as it may alter the behaviours of those intent on criminal activity. This in itself could put members of the public at risk and hinder Law Enforcement. It is therefore our belief that the balance test lies in favour of not disclosing the information.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still

dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

Leicestershire Police in complying with their statutory duty under sections 1 and 11 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to release the enclosed information will not breach the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. However, the rights of the copyright owner of the enclosed information will continue to be protected by law.

Applications for the copyright owner's written permission to reproduce any part of the attached information should be addressed to The Information Manager, Leicestershire Police Headquarters, St. Johns, Enderby, Leicester LE19 2BX.