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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 05 February 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 20/01/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I'd like to request some information in regards to the following services.

Listed Services:

- a) Laundry equipment supply, maintenance and install.*
- b) Catering equipment supply, maintenance and install.*
- c) Fire equipment supply, maintenance and install and provision of Fire Risk Assessments / consultancy.*
- d) HVAC equipment supply, maintenance and install.*
- e) Cleaning supplies in regards to laundry detergents, laundry disinfectants, room disinfection solutions*

Request for information on the following:

- 1) Please confirm your annual spend for the listed services showing a breakdown of contract value and any additional ad-hoc spend for the previous 3 years.*
 - i) Please highlight any credits received or cost deductions made due to poor service for the duration of the contract.*
- 2) Please confirm where services have been won through a tender or bid process or awarded via framework.*
 - i) Please confirm all suppliers who competed and their scoring following evaluation.*
 - ii) Please confirm the expected retender date.*
 - iv) Please confirm the portal or tender forum you advertise/promote such works through.*
- 3) Please confirm the name and contact details of the person responsible for procurement of the above services.*

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. Annual spends

- a. Laundry. Annual contract value - £26,020.38 Excl. VAT. Spend Incl. VAT - 2017/18 £35,146.53, 2018/ 20 £44,161.53, 2019/20 £43,713.13.
- b. Catering Equipment - No Contract and no significant purchase of catering equipment over three years.
- c. Fire safety equip maintenance. Annual contract value - £4,997.00 Excl. VAT. Spend Incl. VAT - 2017/18 £0.00, 2018/19 £8,769.08, 2019/20 £11,223.26.
- d. Air Handling – Annual contract value £12,100 Excl. VAT. Spend Incl. VAT - 2017/18 £72,379.16, 2018/19 £84,394.32, 2019/20 £115,023.54. Note additional expenditure due to issues identified when servicing.
Heating & Ventilation Systems. Contract value - £119,416.00 Excl. VAT. Spend Incl. VAT 2020/21: £152,324.88. Note additional expenditure due to issues identified when installing.
Gas Fired Boiler Maintenance. Annual Contract value - £4,698 Excl. VAT. Spend Incl. VAT 2017/18 £171,771.508 2018/19 £84, 696.06 2019 / 20 £166,034.57 Note additional expenditure due to issues identified when servicing.
- e. Cleaning contract – We haven't a separate Cleaning Consumables contract. However we mainly buy cleaning consumables from ESPO. Spend Consumables Incl. VAT 2018/19 £55,868.73, 2019/20 £85,706.17, 2020 so far £35,648.71.

There have been no credits received or cost deductions made due to poor service during these contracts

2. All of the above services have been won through tender process except Air Handling which is a regional contract.

Tenders are below OJEU and are commercially confidential and therefore exempt by virtue of Section 43, laid out below.

The expected retender dates are:

- a. Laundry – From Nov 2021
- b. Catering – N/A
- c. Fire Safety Equipment Maintenance – From Nov 2022. However the contract can be extended to 2025.
- d. Gas Fired Boiler Maintenance – From Nov 2021. However the contract can be extended to Mar 2023.
Air Handling – Currently out to tender.
- e. Cleaning Services Contract (incl. supplies) – Summer 2021

The tender forum used is:

<https://bluelight.eu-supply.com/>

3. Contact relating to the procurement of the above services should be done through
procurement@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Section 43 – Commercial Interests

As a qualified and class-based exemption, legislators have already accepted the harm in the release of this class of information. As such, there is no requirement for me to apply the harm test.

However, as this exemption is also qualified, I am obliged to apply the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure:

Providing the information request would allow the public to discuss the way in which the Force spends public funds, which would improve accountability. Further, this information would allow informed public debate regarding the spending of public funds of such contracts.

Factors favouring non-disclosure:

Where third party interests might be jeopardised by release of information that relates to personal affairs of individuals and/or sensitive commercial information held about business, financial, contractual or operational issues. In this case, the commercial interests of the companies involved and indeed, the police service may be compromised by the release of detailed information about the contract tenders submitted. By providing detailed information about the tenders that were submitted for these specific contracts, it may be possible that a supplier may be disadvantaged commercially if sensitive competitive information is inadvertently provided to competitors.

It is of my opinion that based on the above the balance lies in non-disclosure of this detailed 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

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