



Our Ref: 001252/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 27 April 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 13/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

Leadership Management:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/76755d3f-0aa9-4612-aded-f7bdd6ec85f5>

The details we require are:

- Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages
- Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date
- Start date & duration of framework
- Has an extension been agreed, if so, for how long?
- Will the framework(s)/contract(s) be up for renewal, if so when?
- Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

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: -

- Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages

Answer: We do not normally reveal the names of suppliers who tendered and were unsuccessful. We publish the names of the successful company/contract. Further information relating to specific companies who tendered for this contract is considered exempt by virtue of Section 43.

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 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner 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

I can confirm that eleven suppliers responded to the invitation to tender.

- Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date

Answer: The estimate was for £7,000 a year. The actual spend in the final year of the contract 2019/20 was £10,290.

- Start date & duration of framework

Answer: The contract started 1st February 2018 and expired 31st January 2020

- Has an extension been agreed, if so, for how long?

Answer: There was an option to extend for a further two years, however this wasn't taken up.

- Will the framework(s)/contract(s) be up for renewal, if so when?

Answer: The contract was not renewed

- Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

Answer: Mr Peter Ward. Human Resources Management

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.

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Leicestershire Police

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