

PART TWO

Confidential facts and advice

Shared Information Service with GLA – extension of existing contract

Information may have to be disclosed in the event of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the event of a request for confidential facts and advice, please consult the Governance Team for advice.

This information is not for publication because:

Publication of the information included in this report is deferred until 30 days following the signing of the extension referenced in Part 1 to this report as its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the London Fire Commissioner (LFC).

Legal recommendation on the grounds of keeping the information confidential:

In the event the information contained in this Part Two and/or its appendix is the subject of a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”), it is considered that access can be denied on the basis that such information constitutes exempt information under:

Section 43(2) of the Act on the basis that the information in this report includes information which is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Public Interest Assessment

At present, on balance, it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information is not disclosed at this point. Disclosure by the LFC would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the LFC’s position and related commercial interest regarding the expenditure incurred for the purchasing of new software licenses.

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of a request under the Act for this information as the level of sensitivity will change over time and different circumstances may alter the arguments in favour of non-disclosure.

Legal Adviser

I make the above recommendations that this information should be considered confidential at this time.

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Confidential decision and/or advice

Introduction and background

The Part 1 report sets out the proposal to invoke the two-year extension of the current contract with Idox Software Ltd to provide an information service to the GLA and LFC. The LFC operate the contract under a shared service agreement.

Objectives and expected outcomes

The GLA and LFC agree that a contract extension is the best way to proceed at the current time.

Financial comments

The cost of the four-year contract is fully funded by the GLA from the budget for the Intelligence Unit. The original revenue contract value was £482,960 (£120,740 pa) over four years. A mid-contract saving (contract variation) reduced the cost by £10,265 per year.

The value of the contract extension will be a total spend of £220,950 over the financial years 2023/4 and 2024/5 of the extension (£110,475 pa). The contract costs are subject to indexed inflation.

Legal comments

Legal comments have been included in Part 1 of this report.