

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

DMFD198

Title: Procurement of a Paging Service

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 Information Governance team for advice.

This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:

The report contains commercially sensitive information that should not be released ahead of the tender process.

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:

31 March 2024

Legal adviser recommendation on the grounds for not publishing information at this time:

In the event the information contained in part two of this report 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 that 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).

At present, on balance, it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information is not disclosed at this point.

The Information Commissioner has recognised that a wide range of commercial information relating to ongoing procurement activity may be covered by this exemption. In this instance, the information in Part 2 of the report includes information in relation to future procurement plans for a new paging system, and the London Fire Commissioner's (LFC) financial position in relation to those procurements. The exempt information would disclose the LFC's financial position in relation to the proposed procurement to potential bidders, and would prejudice the operation of competitive tendering exercise for the new contract.

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

Name:

Date:

Once this form is fully authorised, it should be circulated with Part 1.

Confidential decision and/or advice:

As set out in Part 1 of this decision, the LFC seeks the approval of the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience to commit expenditure of up to £463,100, including a 10 per cent contingency, for the purposes of procuring a replacement paging service.

Table 1 - Expected new costs

Item	Qty	Cost (five years)
Licences to use the new paging app (appliances and officers)	800	£270,000
Pre-paid SMS messages	20,000	£3,500
Vision interface	1	£15,000
Portal (for non-mobilising users)	1	£32,500
Provision of Blackberry ad hoc service for Urban Search and Rescue staff	130	£10,000
Licence to use Officer Location Service (GPS)	250	£70,000
Support and maintenance	1	£20,000
<i>Total</i>		£421,000
Contingency (@10 per cent)		£42,100
Total cost		£463,100