

PART TWO

Confidential facts and advice

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 Governance Team for advice.

This information is not for publication because:

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

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).

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 this Part 2 report includes information in relation to future procurement plans for a new paging system and the Commissioner's financial position in relation to those procurements. The exempt information would disclose the Commissioner'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.

The recommended period for non- publication of Part 2 is not before December 2023.

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 information set out on part one of this report makes the case to procure replacement paging service.

The cost of the replacement paging service is anticipated to be £463,100 (as set out below) and includes a 10% contingency. The LFC is seeking a contract term of up to five years (an initial three-year term with options to extend up to a further two years in one-year increments (three + one + one)).

Table 1 - Expected new costs

| Item | Qty | Cost (5-years) |
|--|--------|-----------------|
| Licenses 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 AdHoc service for USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) staff | 130 | £10,000 |
| License to use Officer Location Service (GPS) | 250 | £70,000 |
| Support and Maintenance | 1 | £20,000 |
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| Total | | £421,000 |
| Contingency (@10 percent) | | £42,100 |
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| Total Cost | | £463,100 |

Objectives and expected outcomes

To procure a paging system for use by the LFC. The system will be used by 800 officers and Fire Appliances and will ensure critical message transfer as part of the LFC emergency response service.

Financial comments

Please refer to part 1 report.

Legal comments

Please refer to part 1 report

Confidential appendices and supporting papers

None