

## PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

**DMFD166**

### **Title: Procurement of Mobile Data Terminals, Tablets and Satellite Navigation Devices**

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#### **This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:**

Publication of the information included in this report is deferred as its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the London Fire Commissioner (LFC).

**Date** at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed: 31 December 2022

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

In the event the information contained in this Part 2 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. 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 mobile data terminals, tablet and satellite navigation devices.

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of an FOI request 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

**Name:** Katherine Davis

**Date:** 12 May 2022

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

#### **Confidential decision and/or advice:**

This report requests approval to procure mobile data terminals, Windows tablets and satellite navigation devices to be deployed in the LFC fleet at a cost of £ £1,586,000 in 2022/23.

The LFC capital programme includes the budget of £1,586,000 in 2022/23 for the replacement of mobile data terminals; therefore this report will require no overall increase to the capital.

The capital programme is anticipated to be largely funded through borrowing. The cost of borrowing for the £1,586,000 is calculated as part of the London Fire Brigade's overall minimum revenue provision, and is based on the average asset life of five years at £317,000 per year and interest on borrowing at £40,000 in total (therefore £8,000 per year), at a forecast rate of 2.5 per cent. The cost of borrowing to fund the capital programme is reflected in the revenue budget programme.

## **Appendix**

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