

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

DMFD224

Title: Procurement of BT Smart Numbers 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This information is not for publication until the stated date, because: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 August 2024.

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).

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 purposes of the procurement of the BT Smart Numbers service.

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.

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Date: 1 December 2023

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

Confidential decision and/or advice

The amount of expenditure required for approval by the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience is £193,320 for the five-year contract for the replacement of BT Smart Numbers service.

Financial comments

The objective of this report is to secure authorisation to procure the BT Smart Numbers service, with the intention to enter into a new five-year contract with BT for the provision of this service at a revenue cost of up to £193,320 from July 2024.

The annual cost of the service will be contained within the existing ICT budget for this service.

Confidential appendices and supporting papers

Part 2 of London Fire Commissioner Report LFC-23-052 – Procurement of BT Smart Numbers service.