

LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

PART TWO

Confidential facts and advice

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 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This information is not for publication because: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).

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.

The recommended period for non-publication of Part 2 is 31 August 2024.

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 the BT Smart Numbers service.

The cost of the replacement smart numbers service for a five-year contract will be £193,320.00

Objectives and expected outcomes

To ensure continued use of the BT Smart Number system,

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, 5-year contract with BT for 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.

Legal comments

Please refer to part 1 report

Confidential appendices and supporting papers

None