

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

DMFD226

Title: Operational Equipment Management System (update)

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This information is not for publication until the stated date, because: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 figures included in this report are directly related to the amount of funding available to complete a procurement action, this is sensitive as suppliers tendering could adjust their prices higher to utilise more of the budget available.

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:
1 January 2025.

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

In the event the information contained in this Part 2 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 may be denied on the basis that such information constitutes exempt information under section 43(2) of the Act.

Section 43(2) of the Act provides an exemption from disclosure where the release of such information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Here, it is considered that disclosure by the LFC of the information contained in this part 2 report, which is commercially sensitive, would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the LFC's commercial position in the procurement of the equipment management system detailed in this report, and therefore, would impact adversely on obtaining best value.

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and, as such, requires that a public interest test be applied to the facts of each case. In this case, it is considered that the public interest in obtaining best value from the proposed tender process outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information at this time.

Having said that, publication is recommended once the equipment management system has been procured.

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

Name: John Benson, on behalf of TfL Legal

Date: 15/12/2023

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

Confidential decision and/or advice:

This report requests that the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience authorise the London Fire Commissioner (LFC) to commit revenue expenditure of up to £638,699 over five years, for the purposes of procuring and meeting the running costs of an equipment management system and associated hardware.

As set out in the table below, the investment required with external suppliers to introduce the new system and operate it for the first five years of the contract, including introduction and roll out costs, would be £638,689. The investment required will cover the software development costs, subscription costs, scanning hardware, internal resource and roll out.

		Budget (LFC-23-006)	Updated budget (LFC-23-123)	
Ref.	Task/Item	Total Costs (£)	Total Costs	Variance
1	Software	29,000.00	36,135.00	-7,135.00
2	Hardware	170,000.00	187,573.54	-17,573.54
3	Asset Tagging & Roll out	123,000.00	144,220.00	-21,220.00
4	Legal/Consultancy Support	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
5	Contingency	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
6	Licensing	108,000.00	270,760.00	-162,760.00
	Total	494,000.00	638,688.54	-144,688.54
	INITIAL AWARD		494,468.54	
	SEPARATE AWARD		144,220.00	
			638,688.54	

Finance comments

The request to fund a new Operational Equipment Management System at a revenue cost of up to £638,689 over a period of five financial years from 2023/24 to 2027/28 will be met from the existing annual revenue budget under the Technical Service Support department.

The contracts cost of up to £494,000 & £144,220 will be earmarked across the relevant financial years in line with the contracts start date – as per the table below.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Investment & Licence Fees	280,489	53,495	53,495	53,495	53,495	464,469
Asset Tagging & Roll Out		144,220				
Total	280,489	197,715	53,495	53,495	53,495	638,689

Appendix

Part two of report LFC 23-123 – Operational Equipment Management System (update)