

PART TWO

Confidential facts and advice

Procurement of Replacement Server Hardware

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This information is not for publication because: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 purchasing of new server hardware.

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of a request under the Act 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 to be agreed, after successful procurement and tender award

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 in part one of this report makes the case to procure replacement server hardware to be installed in Merton (LOC) and Stratford data centre.

The cost of the replacement server hardware is expected to be no more than £762,000, which is included in the approved capital plan.

Objectives and expected outcomes

To secure approval for funding to procure replacement server hardware which will result in new hardware to be installed in both the Merton (LOC) and Stratford data centres.

Financial comments

The cost of the replacement server hardware is included in the LFC approved capital programme under the ICT project - VM Server Environment Hosts. The budgeted £762,000 is split over three consecutive financial years from 2023/24 to 2025/26.

Legal comments

Legal comments in part 1 report

Confidential appendices and supporting papers

None