

PART TWO

Confidential facts and advice

Procurement of SafeCommand Software

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This information is not for publication because: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 information which is commercially sensitive and 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).

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 Airbus SAFEcommand™ system.,

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 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 part 1 report for this report sets out the background for the request to the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service to authorise the London Fire Commissioner (LFC) to commit revenue expenditure of up to £792,000 (which includes a 20% contingency) to re-procure the Airbus SAFEcommand™ system, which includes modules for mobilising, guiding, messaging, crash recovery, risk information and chemical hazards. The SAFEcommand™ system is used to deliver and display mobilising information to crews on appliances, via Mobile Data Terminals (MDT). The Brigade has been using the SAFEcommand™ (formerly VMDS) system for several years and it was last re-procured in 2020. The system is comprised of the primary software, middleware and support of the system. The existing contract expires in August 2025.

Financial comments

The total cost requested for this renewal is £792k over 3 years (£264k per year). The agreement will be solely funded by LFC. There is sufficient budget cover for the agreement renewal across all years.

Legal comments

Please see Part 1 for legal comments.

Confidential appendices and supporting papers

None