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Dear Eric Blair

Re: Your request for information: Ref No. FOI 3533

I am writing further to your request for information dated 9 February 2009 to advise you that the information you requested is being withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemptions which apply to this information are: section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act "information 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)."

You requested

"Agency worker: Agreements, Contracts, pay scales

FOI Act: (Freedom of Information Act 2000)

Contracts or equivalent information/documents

Copies of any contracts you have for the provision of temporary worker agency staff, with regards agency/temporary social care/social worker staff/workers. Contracts you may have with individual agency staff recruitment businesses/services, hereafter called 'Vendors'. Or contracts you may have with organisations like, Comensura, Manpower, Reed, hereafter called 'Managed Service Provider' who provide Master/Vendor Neutral framework to managed all vendors on behalf of Public Authorities like yourselves."

The Council have a managed vendor contract with Comensura. The Contract documentation is commercially sensitive and therefore we are unable to provide a copy.

The agreed rates are commercially sensitive and cannot therefore be disclosed.

The Panel Vendor Agreement is a contractual document between Comensura and Vendors. As such it is commercially sensitive and, whilst the Council has sight of a sample, it was provided in confidence and cannot be disclosed.

In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

I apologise for the short delay in providing the above information.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make an appeal for a review of our decision, you should write to the Corporate Access to Information Manager at:

Corporate Access to Information Manager
Southwark Town Hall
Room 3.12
Peckham Road
London SE5 8UB
Email: accessinfo@southwark.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome your appeal, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted our internal appeal procedure and you should contact him within 2 months of the outcome of your internal appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available through the Information Commissioner at the:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Cheshire SK9 5AF
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Internet: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Janet McDonald
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