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Dear Mr Davies

I am writing in response to your request for information relating to Ernst & Young. This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please find below the information the Council can provide at this time:

1) A list of all payments to Ernst and Young for consultancy work in relation to waste procurement, or the Javelin Park Incinerator contract;

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

The council publishes all its expenditure on goods and services over £500 at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/performance-and-spending/spend-over-500/>. You can search under 'Ernst & Young' or 'Residual Waste' to find relevant invoice details.

(2) A list of reports produced by Ernst and Young for the council in relation to the Javelin Park Incinerator contract;

- Invitation to submit outline solutions
- Invitations to submit detailed solutions
- Revised project plan

(3) A copy of the report produced by Ernst and Young for Cabinet on 11th November 2015, as referenced in the recent ruling of the Information Tribunal (Appeal number EA/2015/0254-6; paragraph 27).

At this time, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as it is commercially sensitive information. However, following the conclusion of the public interest test, this decision may change and the information could be released.

We will aim to reach a decision as soon as possible and estimate that we will reach a decision **by 19 May 2017** and we will contact you on or by this date to confirm the outcome of our Public Interest test.

This email therefore acts as a refusal notice under Section 17 (2) of the FoIA as the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure, at this point.

Yours sincerely

Teresa Wilmshurst