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My reference

FOI 16437

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Your reference

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E-mail

foi@hants.gov.uk

Dear Mr Gareth Davies

Information Request

With reference to your email dated 17th September 2019 requesting the following information:

- (1) All Local Authority Trading Companies owned by the authority, including the following details:
- (a) The name of the company
- (b)Company number
- (c) Date of incorporation
- (d)Services provided/purpose

Please see response at end of letter.

- (2) All Public Service Mutuals (PSM) connected to the authority, including the following details:
- (a) The name of the PSM
- (b) The date it was created
- (c) Any other stakeholders formally involved
- (d) Services provided/purpose

Hampshire County Council do not have any Public Service Mutual connections.

- (3) All outsourced services, including the following details:
- (a) The name of the service
- (b) The date on which it was outsourced
- (c) The organisation(s) that operates the contract
- (d) The length of the contract
- (e) The annual cost to the council of the contract

Barbara Beardwell MA Solicitor

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- (4) All joint ventures entered into by the authority, including the following details:
- (a)The name of the venture
- (b)The date on which it began
- (c) The other organisation(s) involved
- (d) The services provided/purpose

For Questions 1, 3, & 4,

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested we would require approximately a minimum of 15 minutes per contract x the number of schools that underwent conversion to Academy.

In addition to this, nine main contract areas (such as Highways, Waste, Landscaping, Museums etc.) of which will be made up of multiple contracts. Further to this there are also potentially 55 Children's Centres to consider.

We estimate at this would take approximately 1.5 hours per contract as a minimum with potential to be greater. The estimate of this work would equate to over 40 hours. If the Children's Centres are included, this would be substantially more time.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the County Council holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 18 hours to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 12.

However please find attached an excel spread sheet with details of Outsourced Services and Joint Ventures.

However, you may wish to clarify your request by narrowing its scope and being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

Yours sincerely

Samantha Spalding

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Senior Information Governance Officer

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving our response, and should be addressed to Head of Information Compliance, Corporate Services, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ or emailed to foi@hants.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner at the following address. Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.