



Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

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Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We can confirm that Essex County Fire & Rescue Service does hold the information you have requested.

Please see below the answer to your request.

Questions and final response:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

GB-Essex: 2021/471 Various Fire Stations - Internal decorations:

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk%2FNotice%2F6d984c3e-665a-4e34-ac80-f6c67553570d&data=04%7C01%7Cinformationgovernance%40essex-fire.gov.uk%7Ce3bf6944b38f4827b82c08d8d3e86f54%7Ce3b4b37b40c44b17825c5dc692c18888%7C1%7C0%7C637492342711802878%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=ooyiaDcrsbKuOPkiJWH02i6QvITBxov2FgQXWQxmkgg%3D&r eserved=0>

The details we require are:

- Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages: -

We can confirm that Essex County Fire & Rescue Service does hold this information, however the information is exempt from disclosure to you. The exemption applicable to the information you have requested is:

Section 43 of the Act - Commercial Interests

This exemption carries a public interest test, and I have set out below the factors I have considered when applying the exemption:

Prejudice

The prejudice to the commercial interests would relate to:

Service Headquarters

London Road
Rivenhall
Witham
Essex
CM8 3HB

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Would otherwise prejudice or be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (S.43(2))

Factors in favour of disclosure

The efficiency and effectiveness of the Authority.

Customer care.

Transparency when spending public money.

Transparency over decision making.

Informing public debate.

In favour of non-disclosure

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies can compete fairly, in an open market along with being able to trade competitively.

Any reputational damage that disclosure might cause the public authority or third party.

Companies may be discouraged from participating in the scheme if they felt it could result in the disclosure of information relating to their general business.

Public Interest Balancing Test

Having considered the above factors, I believe the public interest is in favour of upholding this exemption. This is our refusal notice in respect of your request.

• Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date: -

Spend 2020/21 = Nil, spend 2021/22 = £82,866.80 (Contract value anticipated spend).

• Start date & duration of framework: -

Anticipated Start on Site = Monday 05 April 2021 – Duration 12 weeks.

• Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

N/A

• Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

It was agreed to carry this job into the 2021/22 financial year.

• Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

Darren Ingrouille (Building Surveyor), Jon Doherty (Head of Property).

Thank you for your interest in Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, we hope this satisfies your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to apply for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of your original email and should be addressed to: Internal Review, Performance & Data Team, Kelvedon Park, Rivenhall, Witham, Essex CM8 3HB.

Please ensure you quote the above reference number in all future communications.

Please note that the response and data released to you as part of this request will be published on the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service website. The website address is <http://transparency.essex-fire.gov.uk/>. All requests will be anonymised and no personal information including contact details will be disclosed as part of this process.

Yours faithfully

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