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Mr. R Wilmot

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Ref: 6662796

Dear Mr. Wilmot

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information.

1) Which Finance Management System do you use?

The majority of schools use the SIMS financial management system.

2) Do you mandate a particular Finance Management System to your schools? If so what system?

Brent council does not mandate a particular financial management system.

3) When does the contract expire?

There is a joint arrangement which maintained schools can participate in. This operates annually in line with the financial year.

5) Please provide the name, direct telephone number and email address of the contact that manages the procurement process, when looking at Finance Management Systems for your schools.

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I can confirm that the remainder of the information you have requested is held by Brent Council. However, I'm unable to give this to you.

4) What is the value of the current contract?

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 43 (Prejudicial to commercial interests) subsection 2 applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure. We believe that the disclosure of this information would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of the local authority and suppliers involved with the contract. Therefore, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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