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Date: 11 June 2021

Dear Ms Gibson

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request for Information

On 13 May 2021 East Riding of Yorkshire Council received your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information you have requested, along with the Council's response, is set out below.

Request and Response:

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

Three suppliers participated in our quotation exercise as follows:
Democracy Counts, Xpress Software Solutions Ltd; IDOX Plc.
The successful supplier was Democracy Counts.

2. Specific Software purchased

Elector8 electoral management system

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

I confirm that the Council holds the information in relation to the above question. However, in this instance the information cannot be communicated to you. This is because the Council considers that the information requested is exempt information within Part II of the Act. The particular exemption is Section 43 which concerns Commercial Interests. This applies because this information is commercially sensitive at the current time whilst considerations and discussions are ongoing around the possible extension of the contract.

In making the above decision the Council has applied the public interest test to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs that of disclosure and has concluded that in this case it is not in the public interest to disclose the information. The public interest arguments addressed in reaching this decision are explained below.

Caroline Lacey

Chief Executive

Details of the arguments as to whether it serves the interests of the public best to disclose the information

The Council wishes to be transparent in its business dealings.

Details of the arguments as to whether it serves the interests of the public best not to disclose the information

The release of the information could harm the commercial interests of the Council and/or provider.

Financial details of contracts form a key component of an organisation's trading advantage.

Discussions are currently ongoing around the possible extension of the contract.

4. Start date & duration of framework

This contract duration is 01 September 2018 to 31 August 2021

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

Yes, the contract contains a clause with the option to extend for an additional 24-month period.

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

This decision is currently under consideration.

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

Simon Clark, Electoral Services Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the above response or how your request has been handled you can ask for the Council to review this by contacting the Freedom of Information Coordinator on the above telephone number or by email on foi@eastriding.gov.uk within 6 weeks of this letter which is 23 July 2021.

A senior manager will carry out the review within 10 working days of receipt of your request and provide a response within 20 working days. It will provide a fair and thorough review of the decisions taken and where necessary how your request has been handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Council's review procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate number)
Fax: 01625 524 510

Alternatively email: casework@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance and Feedback Team