



City of Westminster

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Our ref: 6592334

Your ref:

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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Westminster City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Q1. What computer software are you using for Highways Maintenance, Works Ordering and Inspections, how much are you paying per year, how many users are you licensed for, is this provided as Managed Service and is there a fixed length associated with your current contractual arrangements, if so when?

What computer software are you using for Highways Maintenance, Works Ordering and Inspections,

System used is Confirm

how much are you paying per year,

The council has determined that this information is in fact caught under the exemption in section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) exempts disclosure of information which would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

This is because the requested information is commercially sensitive and disclosure would prejudice their bargaining position and competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Further, the requested information would contain market-sensitive information, useful to competitors in the market-place in which the successful bidder operates. As the Council are currently running a procurement process Disclosure would, be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of both parties – adversely affecting the bargaining position of Confirm and the Council which, in respect of the Council, may result in the less effective use of public money

The council believes that maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in providing disclosure because disclosure of what is deemed sensitive commercial interests, particularly with regard to pricing, would:

- a) undermine the council's ability to attract quality bids.*
- b) likely to prejudice the current round of contractual negotiations, which in respect of the Council, would result in the less effective use of public money;*
- c) disclosure information about a particular commercial body that was not common knowledge and would be likely to be used by their competitors in a particular market to gain a competitive advantage.*
- d) give rise to a loss of confidence on the part of the private sector to do business with public authorities, due to the fear that this may lead to disclosure of information that would have a negative impact on their competitiveness*

how many users are you licensed for,

40 Confirm OnDemand Licences in total

is this provided as Managed Service and is there a fixed length associated with your current contractual arrangements, if so when?

Provided as Managed Service, end date 30 November 2018

Q2. What computer software are you using for Street Lighting Management, how much are you paying per year, how many users are you licensed for, is this provided as a Managed Service and is there a fixed length associated with your current contractual arrangements, if so when?

As above

Q3. What computer software are you using for UKPMS, how much are you paying per year, how many users are you licensed for, is this provided as a Managed Service and is there a fixed length associated with your current contractual arrangements, if so when?

We do not use a system for UKPMS, this process is managed by our Service Provider

Q4. What computer software are you using for Street Works, how much are you paying per year, how many users are you licensed for is this provided as a Managed Service and is there a fixed length associated with your current contractual arrangements, if so when?

Please see response to question 1

Q5. What computer software are you using for Bridges/Structures, how much are you paying per year, how many users are you licensed for, is this provided as a Managed Service and is there a fixed length associated with your current contractual arrangements, if so when?

All London Boroughs including the City of Westminster and Transport for London use the computer software Bridgestation to manage their stock of Highway Structures. Bridgestation is owned by the London Bridges Engineering Group (LoBEG) and membership is made up of representatives from each of the 33 London Boroughs. Each borough pays approximately £1,300 annually to LoBEG which includes a sum for the maintenance and development of Bridgestation.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Highways Infrastructure & Public Realm
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