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Our ref: FOI 5200  
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Dear Mr Marshall

Request pursuant to Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request No. 5200

Further to your request for information dated 6 December 2013, I can confirm that the information you requested is held under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, the Council, for the reasons that follow, declines to disclose the information requested.

You requested: *When does the contract for this system terminate? To be clear, I am asking for the date on which the present system goes out of contract.*

Pursuant to Section 17 (1) of the Act the Council

1. States that this is exempt information.
2. Specifies, that the exemption in question is the subject of an absolute exemption contained within Section 21 of the FOI Act (FOIA).

An explanation follows below.

This information is accessible by other means. It is available on the Bedford Borough Council website at [http://www.bedford.gov.uk/business/tenders\\_and\\_contracts.aspx](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/business/tenders_and_contracts.aspx) and on this page, click the link for the Bedford Borough Council Contracts Register which enables you to view a list of all contracts over £10,000 which includes the contract expiry date.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response to your application you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through the Council's Internal Review Procedure. Pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Act the procedure provided by the Council for dealing with complaints about the determination of this request for information is the Council's FOI Complaints Procedure, a copy of which can be obtained on request or is set out at:

[http://www.bedford.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/data\\_protection,\\_foi\\_eir.aspx](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/data_protection,_foi_eir.aspx)

Yours sincerely

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