

## Response to Request for Information

Reference: FOI\_7845  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Type of request: Freedom of Information / Environmental Information Request

### ***PFI Advisors – Conflict of Interest***

1. Which companies have advised your local authority on each of its PFI projects and contracts from inception, through procurement, during construction and operation on issues relating to structural, legal, financial, governance, audit and performance review. Please provide that information by each PFI scheme, providing the HMT unique reference number.
2. Please provide documentation demonstrating how your local authority selected the advisers referred to above? Please provide any internal or external process documents (e.g. from HM Treasury/ Partnerships UK) in relation to the selection, a copy of invitations to tender and tender documents.
3. Please provide documents demonstrating how your local authority, as part of that selection, ensured that the auditors and lawyers, accountants and business consultants referred to above were not conflicted in any way with any of the organisations involved previously or currently with your PFI project(s). This could include documents, statements and correspondence between the local authority and its auditors relating to any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest.
4. Please confirm who you have appointed as external auditors for the year 2015/16 and provide all policies/protocols or any other documentation which demonstrate how you ensure that there is no ongoing conflict of interest in relation to these auditors.

Cambridgeshire County Council has considered your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and can confirm that it holds information in relation to PFI Contracts. However, we are unable to provide all of the information requested above due to the cost of retrieving all relevant information within the cost limitations contained within s12 of the Act. This is due to the size and complexities of the contracts, and the need for an analyst to read and review a significant number of documents in order to locate and extract information across a number of disciplines.

The attached appendices contain information which we were able to retrieve prior to the realisation that the cost limit would be exceeded.

In addition, it has been noted that there is a significant amount of information already in the public domain about these projects and these may provide the requestor with additional information.

Street Lighting:

<http://www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/>

<http://www.simoncornwell.com/lighting/install/cambridge/pfi/index.htm>

<http://www.wilbrahams.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Councillors-Information-Pack.pdf>

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/streetlighting/>

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/balfour\\_beatty\\_pfi\\_contract\\_for](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/balfour_beatty_pfi_contract_for)

Waste Contract:

<https://www.amey.co.uk/about-us/amey-in-your-area/east/cambridgeshire-waste-pfi-contract/>

[http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/Data/Environment%20Scrutiny%20Committee/20040713/Agenda/Item%207%20-](http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/Data/Environment%20Scrutiny%20Committee/20040713/Agenda/Item%207%20-%20PRIVATE%20FINANCE%20INITIATIVE%20(PFI)%20BID%20FOR%20WASTE%20SERVICES.pdf)

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[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/contract\\_signed\\_with\\_donarbon\\_wa](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/contract_signed_with_donarbon_wa)

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/waste-management/>

[http://files.whatdotheyknow.com/request/contract\\_signed\\_with\\_donarbon\\_wa/Project%20Agreement.pdf](http://files.whatdotheyknow.com/request/contract_signed_with_donarbon_wa/Project%20Agreement.pdf)

I hope that this information is useful and I accept that it is not an exhaustive list of available information.

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