



## Northamptonshire County Council

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Please ask for: Freedom of Information  
Tel: 01604 368360  
Our ref: FR8807  
Your ref:  
Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Mrs Smith,

### **Information Request: FR8807**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

### **Our Response**

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

*I would be grateful if you could please provide me with the following information on the Council's procurement process.*

- 1. How the Council procures Construction Consultancy Services? In particular M&E consultancy services. The Authority has a Framework consisting of 3 value bands for its M&E design work, these are £0-3m, £3-6m, £6-10m project value.*

**There are 4, 5 and 5 suppliers on the respective bands. Whilst we have a Framework we do come to the market from time to time to offer opportunities, these are advertised on Contract Finder where they exceed £25k.**

**Response - Via the LGSS Construction Consultancy Services Framework ([details here](#))**

- 2. If by your own framework, please advise:*



**The Framework allows for either a mini-competition based on quality and cost aspects, or direct appointment based on value for money with pre-agreed rates set out in the Framework. The decision whether to mini-comp the appointment will be determined by the complexity and estimated value of the project.**

*a. The titles and content of the relevant frameworks b. The start and end dates of the frameworks c. Any possible extension periods to the frameworks d. The companies appointed under the current frameworks (in relation to m&e Consultancy Services)*

**The Framework concludes in 2019 and is currently in the extension period. At the point of expiry we will not be renewing the Framework but exploring the market and other Frameworks available to us.**

*3. If there is no framework in place how does the Council typically procure m&e consultancies under and over OJEU value thresholds and if not a Trust procured framework which frameworks do you typically use?*

**Please see Q1 regarding opportunities off the Framework.**

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Yours sincerely

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