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Your ref:  
Our ref: **RFI-2020-1311**

20 November 2020

Dear Ms Smith

**Request for information: RFI-2020-1311**

Your request for information about professional services has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

- What have you spent on Professional Services over the last 12 months?

**£1,573,197**

- What did the authority spend on professional Services Between April 2019 and March 2020?

**£1,756,306**

- Between April 2019 and March 2020, which categories had the highest level of spend throughout that period?

**We are unable to analyse the information provided to this level of detail.**

- Has the authority planned any large construction-based projects over the next two years?

**Yes**

- If you have got construction projects planned, please could you provide project details, budget and timeframes?

**See attached spreadsheet**

- What is the Council's current process to engage with professional service providers? Please could you provide details of the process and name third parties if they are being used.

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Please see details on our website at <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/tenderingforcouncilcontracts/>

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who has not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/)

Yours sincerely

David Clarke

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarke', followed by a period.

Information Governance and Data Protection Officer