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Please ask for: Teresa Evans
Date: 6 May 2015

Dear Mr Wallace

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information, which we received on 8 April 2015. Our response is given below.

Can you please provide me with information on the following category of service (a category of service would be classed as an area of business within the Council, for example Transport or Social Care):

1) Does the Local Authority currently operate any form of supplier framework (a supplier framework would classed as a list of enrolled and accredited companies or individuals that provide goods or services to the Local Authority) for:-

a. SEN Transport

Yes

b. Home to School

Yes

c. Taxi Services

No

d. Transport for Adult Care

Not Applicable (see 4)

2) If the Local Authority does operate a supplier framework, when do these frameworks run out? :-

a. SEN Transport

March 2016

b. Home to School

July 2015

c. Taxi Services

As 2 c) Same framework

d. Transport for Adult Care

N/A

3) If the Council does operate a supplier framework, how many suppliers are listed on the framework?:-

a. SEN Transport

10

b. Home to School

4

c. Taxi Services

As 3 b)

d. Transport for Adult Care

N/A

4) Does the Council own and operate an internal fleet of vehicles that is utilised for services such as SEN Transport or Taxi Services?

SMBC operate a fleet of 20 special needs ambulance vehicles for the transportation of vulnerable adults and special needs children to day centres and SEN schools.

5) If so, please can you provide with the size of the fleet.

See above

6) During the financial year of 2014/15, what has been the actual spend of:-

a. SEN Transport

£1,890,540.44 paid to contractors on the framework

b. Home to School

£569,474.15 paid to contractors on the framework

c. Taxi Services

Approx. £60k p.a.

d. Transport for Adult Care

£265,340 vehicle lease hire

7) During the financial year of 2014/15, what has been the actual spend of "spot purchases" or Transport placements that were not purchased on the supplier framework (if one does exist):-

a. SEN Transport

None

b. Home to School

None

c. Taxi Services

None

d. Transport for Adult Care

None

8) Does the Council utilise a technology (this could be either a piece of software or computer programme) to help commission Transport Services (these would be defined as SEN Transport, Home to School etc) for a citizen?

No

9) If so, when does the contract for these services expire and what has been the cost for the contract?

a. Expiration date

Not applicable

b. Cost

Not applicable

10) What is the size of the team that works within the Transport Department of the Council?

School Transport Team

2 FTE transport officers and team leader

11) Please can you provide me with a hierarchy of the team that comprises the Transport Department with names and job roles?

Team Leader for School Admissions and Transport

Transport Officer

Transport Administrator

All full time.

I hope this information is of interest and assistance. If however you are dissatisfied with the response you have received and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the following address or reply to the email to which this letter is attached:

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Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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