

(CCC) Contracts

1. What Applications and versions are you running and what was the value of the contracts for:
 - a. Finance?
 - b. HR?
 - c. Payroll?
 - d. Projects?
 - e. Business Intelligence Software Tools?
2. Are you planning a IT system upgrade in the next 12-18 months?
3. How many Full Time Employees do you have (excluding employees at Schools)?
4. Which Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) or Finance system do you currently use?
 - a. What is the value & expiry date of your current contract/licence? What are the extension options?
5. How many Finance system users do you have?
6. How many Purchasing system users do you have?
7. Which Supply Chain Management (SCM) System do you currently use?
 - a. What is the value & expiry date of your current contract/licence? What are the extension options?
8. Which Enterprise Performance Management (EPM), Scenario Planning or Strategic Modelling system do you currently use?
9. What is the value & expiry date of your current contract/licence? What are the extension options?
10. Which Human Capital Management (HCM) or HR system do you currently use?
 - a. What is the value & expiry date of your current contract/licence? What are the extension options?
11. How many HR system users do you have?
12. Do you have a Digital Transformation Strategy?
13. What parts of your Digital Transformation Strategy are you looking to implement in the next 12-18 months?
14. Do you have any plans to migrate to a fully integrated, fully cloud based back-office system in the next two years
15. Do you have an Oracle support partner for applications? If so who? What kind of support is included in the contract (functional/technical/etc.?) When does it expire?
16. Are you running any Oracle Databases?
If so, what versions are you currently running?
What applications are being run on these Databases?
Are you planning another Database upgrade in the next 12-18 months?
17. Do you have an Oracle support partner for Databases? If so who?
What is the per annum value of the database support contract?
When does it expire?
Where are the databases held? Hosted, onsite/offsite?
If not, how many in-house DBAs do you have?

18. Where do you advertise any Oracle procurement opportunities?
Who is responsible for looking after the contract for the Oracle estate?
Who is responsible for looking after the licenses for the Oracle estate?
When does this contract renew?
Do you work with off-shore partners?
19. Have you considered using a Software As A Service solution and not yet moved to one? Do you currently work with any partners in this space?
20. At what level are decisions are made around procuring software and services such as video conferencing?
21. We request for you to provide contact details of all chief decision makers regarding your technology through your organisation?

Response

Thank you for your information request above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We can confirm that we do hold information relevant to your request, however, we do find that some exemptions do apply and that some of your queries appear to be commercially orientated and we have grouped our responses together below:

The Freedom of Information Act exists to allow access to publicly held information, to promote open, accountable local government and to develop increased trust in government by ensuring transparent ways of working. However, information requests should be clearly within the wider public interest and where this wider public interest is not clear or where the request is of a commercial nature, the council may consider the request vexatious, which means we are not obliged to respond.

<http://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKUT/AAC/2013/440.html>

In this judgement Judge Wikeley indicates in paragraphs 35 and 38 that improper use of FOI [such as no public interest] is a valid consideration to make when considering if a request is vexatious. Using the Freedom of Information Act to gain a commercial advantage or seek opportunity over another can be included within this definition. It would be considered an abuse of a statutory process that is designed to promote open accountable local government, not provide commercial organisations with leads into organisations to promote or sell goods or services

Of course a public body is not always aware of some wider public interests in a particular area and we would like to seek clarification to be able to fully assess any possible public interest before fully considering your request.

You are invited to respond to assist our assessment of your request regarding your following questions:.

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In relation to the following questions:

1. and what was the value of the contracts for:

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- b. HR?
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17. What is the per annum value of the database support contract?

When does it expire?

18. When does this contract renew?

We find that s21 – Information already reasonably accessible – applies, this is an absolute exemption and no public interest test is required - you can find details of current contracts on our website here: [Payments to suppliers - Cambridge City Council](#)

3. How many Full Time Employees do you have (excluding employees at Schools)? – South Cambs District Council currently has 816 full time employees.

12. Do you have a Digital Transformation Strategy? –

[180615_digital_transformation_strategy_final_-_formatted.pdf](#) (cambridge.gov.uk)

18. Where do you advertise any Oracle procurement opportunities? - s21 –

Information already reasonably accessible – applies and you can find all details about procurement opportunities here:

Partnership working - Cambridge City Council

We consider the following questions to be exempt under s31(1)(a) – law enforcement, the prevention and detection of crime

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In relation to the application of s31(1) regarding requests for technical system information the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) advises:

Section 31 can be claimed by any public authority, not just those with law enforcement functions. For example, section 31(1)(a) – prevention or detection of crime, can protect information on a public authority's systems which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can also be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function to protect the work of one that does. Please also see bullet point 5 of part 2. [law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf \(ico.org.uk\)](#)

Any disclosure made under the Freedom of Information Act, must be considered to be to the public at large, there is a real risk that this information could be used for fraudulent activity and the disclosure of this information increases that risk of prejudice to the prevention of crime.

Disclosure of such detail would be a security risk to the organisation. Section 31(1) is a qualified exemption which means a public interest test must be applied to see whether it is reasonable to disclose some or all of the information into the public domain. It would not be in the public interest to place material into the wider public domain that could be used to interfere with and place the organisation, its functions and its staff at risk of criminal activity, including theft and cybercrime. Therefore we decline to provide this information to you.

FOI Ref

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Response sent

17 Jan 2022

21. We request for you to provide contact details of all chief decision makers regarding your technology through your organisation?

The decision makers in all departments will be the relevant head of service and/or director, you can find details of our senior leadership team here:

Council structure: April 2021 - Cambridge City Council you can contact any member of the team via the 'Contact Us' details on our website: Contact us - Cambridge City Council

We appreciate you may be disappointed with this response, but we hope what we have been able to provide and our explanations are useful to you.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk