

FOI Ref  
**10394**

Response sent  
**15 Feb 22**

**(CCC) Reprographics/print arrangements**

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

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:

1. Number of MFDs (Multi-functional devices) & photocopiers at the Council
6. What framework used
7. Number of regular/desktop printers (in addition to above)
9. Does the council have a Print Room

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10. If yes, name of supplier, number of devices and start/end date of contract, also details of any extension options

In relation to the following questions:

*2. Name of incumbent*

*3. Start/end date of contract*

*4. Details of any extension options*

*5. Is this a managed service*

*8. Is there a support contract on above, if yes state start/end date*

*11. What print software does the council run*

*12. Who supplies your outsourced print requirements*

*13. Start/end date of contract*

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](#)

In relation to the following questions:

*14. Name of person responsible for print at the council*

At CCC [Contact us - Cambridge City Council](#)

And you can contact any of the senior team via our general enquiries:

[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 <a href="mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk">foi@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
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