

1. Can you confirm if you currently have a contract for Security provision?

Cambridge City Council currently has a corporate Security contract. Cambridge Live, which was a separate entity but has recently been absorbed by the Council, also has two further contracts in place for security provision.

2. If yes what security services are provided for example static guarding, event security?

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he Corporate contract covers static guarding, mobile patrols, alarm activation callouts, site lockups.

The Cambridge Live contracts cover event security.

3. Who currently holds the security contract?

The Corporate security contract is between Cambridge City Council and Amulet (Churchill Security Solutions) Limited.

Cambridge Live holds event security contracts with Show and Event Security and CN Security.

4. When did the contract start and when is it due for renewal/tender?

The contract commenced on 1 April 2018 on a 5-year term, with option to extend for up to 2 years. This will be on 31 March 2023.

Cambridge Live has rolling contracts in place at present.

5. Please provide a breakdown of expenditure of security services in each sector per financial year of the contract so far?

For the Corporate contract, the spend in 2018-2019 financial year was £246,444.33. The spend so far in 19-20 is £184,069.54.

The total amount spent by Cambridge Live on security so far this financial year is £127,442.

6. Is there an hourly charge rate for security services provided to your organisation?

We are unable to supply a copy of the hourly rate charged to our organisation for security services as this information is exempt under Section 43(2) as disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the organisations who hold contracts for these services.

The information on the hourly rate could prejudice the commercial interests of the bidding organisations through disclosing features of their business model and organisational practices.

Section 43(2) of FOIA is a qualified exemption, meaning that the public interest arguments for and against disclosure must be determined. In reaching our conclusion we have considered the public interest in favour or disclosure, namely the need for transparency and accountability of public funds.

We also considered the public interest in favour withholding this information, namely the likelihood of prejudicing the interests of those who hold contracts for these services with the Council and consider that the public interest in this is low, as disclosure of pricing structures could negatively impact future competition for these products and services.

We consider that the balance of public interest lies in applying this exemption and withholding this information from disclosure.

7. Please supply details of any key performance indicators or service level agreements for this contract.

Please see attached Key Performance Indicators for the Corporate contract.

8. Are there any value-added services provided by your current security contractor?

No

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