

Response to Request for Information

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Council Building Maintenance Tenders

Request:

With regards to the government guidelines on 'Value for Money' and 'Transparency' within procurement, my questions are regarding the tendering process.

Wolverhampton Council carries out for ensuring that the residents of the borough are getting the best possible service / lowest cost when it comes to maintaining council owned properties; including ensuring that they are statutorily safe for the occupiers and visitors.

I am most interested in the specific tenders for:

- * Building Maintenance
31-03-18
The decision is still to be made on whether these will be extended again.
- * Legionella Monitoring
31-03-18
The decision is still to be made on whether these will be extended again.
- * Boiler Servicing and Repairs and Kitchen Canopies
31-05-19
- * Mechanical Repairs, maint & minor works
31-03-18
The decision is still to be made on whether these will be extended again.
- * Servicing and Repair of Air Handling and Conditioning Plant
31-05-19
- * Asbestos Removal
02-10-18
The decision is still to be made on whether these will be extended again.
- * Asbestos Surveys
31-10-18
The decision is still to be made on whether these will be extended again.

My questions are:

- 1). It appears from this document:
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=6768&p=0> that some of these contracts ended last year, and other documents appear to show that extensions were previously granted to the original agreements, and potentially extended again - is this correct - what are the latest contract end dates?
[See our responses provided above.](#)
- 2). How are contract extensions (specific to the above) given justification with regards to 'Value for Money' and is there an audit trail documenting these decisions available?
[We assess each contract as it comes up or expiry depending on a number of factors eg., future commissioning strategy, supply market, price benchmarking, quality of service delivery etc.](#)
- 3). Who specifically makes these decisions to extend these particular contracts (person and/ or department)?
[These decisions are made in line with the Council's constitution.](#)
- 4). When do you intend to re-tender these contracts and how do you plan on carrying this out. Specifically, will you be entering into a Framework, or since it appears as some of the contracts are above the EU tendering Threshold, will you be submitting competitive tendering?
[The decision hasn't been made yet but all UK and EU regulations will be adhered to.](#)