

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002986
Date 22 November 2018

Procurement Information

Request:

I would be grateful if you could please provide me with the following information on the council's procurement process.

1. How the council procures Construction Consultancy Services? In particular M&E consultancy services.
With reference to question 1, your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following links which show that we procure compliance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules as set out in the Council's Constitution:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/pdfs/ukxi_20150102_en.pdf
<https://wolverhamptonintranet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s69712/Constitution.pdf>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

2. If by your own framework, please advise:
 - a. The titles and content of the relevant frameworks – N/A
 - b. The start and end dates of the frameworks – N/A
 - c. Any possible extension periods to the frameworks – N/A
 - d. The companies appointed under the current frameworks (in relation to m&e Consultancy Services) – N/A

3. If there is no framework in place how does the council typically procure m&e consultancies under and over OJEU value thresholds and if not a Trust procured framework which frameworks do you typically use?
[With reference to question 3, please see our response to question 1.](#)