

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00488

Date of request: 28th April

Request:

Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (for English fleets) and Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (for Scottish fleets).

As at the date this request is received, please provide the most recent information held by the MHCLG or the local fire and rescue service/authority, for each territorial fire and rescue service in England and Wales or Scotland, whether it currently outsources, subcontracts, or uses any third-party provider for any aspect of:

- fleet management
- fleet maintenance

For each force where such an arrangement exists, please provide:

1. The name of the Fire service.
2. Whether the outsourced arrangement relates to:
 - a) fleet management
 - b) fleet maintenance
 - c) a combined or wider managed fleet service
3. The name of the current outsourced supplier or provider.
4. The contract start date.
5. The contract end date.
6. Details of how the contract was let - e.g. through a procurement framework or open tender
7. Any extension year option(s), if recorded.
8. The estimated spend or contract value held in relation to the arrangement, including whether this figure is:
 - a) estimated total contract value
 - b) awarded contract value
 - c) annual contract value
 - d) annual spend
 - e) most recent spend figure held
9. Where more than one relevant contract or supplier applies to a specific service/fleet, please provide the above information for each relevant arrangement separately.

Please provide the information in Excel, CSV, or another structured electronic format where it is reasonably practicable.

If any of the requested information is already publicly available, please provide the direct link to the relevant source.

Response:

I refer to your request for information, that we received on 28 April 2026, and has been processed as a Freedom of Information request.

You have asked whether London Fire Brigade (LFB) currently outsources or uses any third-party provider for fleet management and/or fleet maintenance, and where such arrangements exist, for details including supplier name, contract dates, procurement method, extension options, and contract value.

LFB can confirm that it does use a third-party provider for fleet management. The details held in response to your specific questions are set out below.

fleet management – [Supplied/operated by Babcock Critical Services Ltd.](#)

fleet maintenance – [Supplied and operated by Babcock Critical Services Ltd.](#)

For each force where such an arrangement exists, please provide:

1. The name of the Fire service.

[London Fire Brigade](#)

2. Whether the outsourced arrangement relates to:

a) fleet management – [Outsourced to Babcock Critical Services Ltd.](#)

b) fleet maintenance– [Outsourced to Babcock Critical Services Ltd.](#)

c) a combined or wider managed fleet service– [Outsourced to Babcock Critical Services Ltd.](#)

3. The name of the current outsourced supplier or provider.

[Babcock Critical Services Ltd.](#)

4. The contract start date.

[16th May 2014](#)

5. The contract end date.

[November 2035](#)

6. Details of how the contract was let - e.g. through a procurement framework or open tender

[Open Tender](#)

7. Any extension year option(s), if recorded.

[4 Years in 6 month periods](#)

8. The estimated spend or contract value held in relation to the arrangement, including whether this figure is:

It is very difficult to determine the contract cost for this financial year as it can fluctuate through the year based upon asset volumes, however the financial model Babcock Critical Services Ltd shared with LFB states £14.9m for 26/27. This would not include accident damage, PTC or ARP.

- a) estimated total contract value
- b) awarded contract value
- c) annual contract value
- d) annual spend
- e) most recent spend figure held

9. Where more than one relevant contract or supplier applies to a specific service/fleet, please provide the above information for each relevant arrangement separately.

LFB only have one contract

The estimated spend or contract value held in relation to the arrangement, including whether this figure is: -

The Applus contract is a supporting contract and is a 3 year contract which is due to expire on the 30 September 2026. The contract value is £149,100, so c£49,700 per year.

- a) estimated total contract value
- b) awarded contract value
- c) annual contract value
- d) annual spend
- e) most recent spend figure held

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process, please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>