

**Freedom of Information request:** Reference number FOI2025/00579

**Date of request:** 4th June

**Request:**

Recent contract information you hold for the following areas:

1. Standard Firewall (Network)

Firewall services that protect the organisation's network from unauthorised access and other internet security threats.

2. Anti-virus Software Application

Programs designed to prevent, detect, and remove viruses, malware, trojans, adware, and related threats.

3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

A volume licensing agreement that may include:

- \* Microsoft 365 (Office, Exchange, SharePoint, Teams)
- \* Windows Enterprise
- \* Enterprise Mobility + Security (EMS)
- \* Azure services (committed or pay-as-you-go)

4. Microsoft Power BI

Or any alternative business intelligence platform used for data connectivity, dashboards, and reporting.

For each of the above areas, I request the following:

1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract?
2. What is the annual spend for each contract?
3. What is the description of the services provided?

4. Primary brand (where applicable)
5. What is the start date of the contract?
6. What is the expiry date of the contract?
7. What is the total duration of the contract?
8. Who is the responsible contract officer?
  - Please include at least their job title, and where possible, name, contact number, and direct email address
9. How many licences or users are included (where applicable)?

#### Important Notes

- \* I do not request any technical specifications such as device models, serial numbers, IP ranges, or site-level infrastructure details that may pose a security or operational risk.
- \* If full disclosure of named personnel is not possible I would still appreciate disclosure of job titles and generic contact information, such as a team inbox or switchboard extension.
- \* If any commercial sensitivities under Section 43 apply, I respectfully request a clear explanation of the specific harm expected from disclosing aggregated annual spend or supplier names, especially where the contract has already been awarded.

If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost/time limits, I would be grateful if you could prioritise the information that can be provided within the statutory threshold.

#### **Response:**

For question 1 and 2 In response, having reviewed and discussed your request with our ICT department, I can confirm the LFB holds this information, however we are choosing to withhold it from release via [section 24](#) of the FOIA - National Security as disclosing the information being requested would or would be likely to, prejudice the purpose of safeguarding national security.

Although the section 24 exemption applies, this is not an absolute exemption and the Authority is required to consider a public interest test. This requires us to consider whether the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosure. I have set out our public interest test considerations for and against disclosure below:

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| For each of the above areas, I request the following: | 3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement   | 4. Microsoft Power BI   |
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| 1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract?    | Microsoft via Phoenix Software Ltd  | Microsoft via Phoenix Software Ltd  |
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| 2. What is the annual spend for each contract?        | £ 1,944,019.36  | £ 38,325.00   |
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| 3. What is the description of the services provided?  | Range of end user and server products   |   |
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| 4. Primary brand (where applicable)                   |   |   |
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| 5. What is the start date of the contract?            | 01/07/2024  | 01/07/2024  |
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| 6. What is the expiry date of the contract?           | 30/06/2027  | 30/06/2027  |
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| 7. What is the total duration of the contract?        | 3 Years   | 3 Years   |
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| 8. Who is the responsible contract officer?           | Phil Freestone<br>Head of Enterprise Application Management<br><a href="mailto:phil.freestone@london-fire.gov.uk">phil.freestone@london-fire.gov.uk</a> | Phil Freestone<br>Head of Enterprise Application Management<br><a href="mailto:phil.freestone@london-fire.gov.uk">phil.freestone@london-fire.gov.uk</a> |
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| 9. How many licences or users are included (where applicable)? | Varies by product - all users have E3 M365 licences | All Users can consume reports from 20 Authors |
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We also publish the details of any purchase orders of between £5,000 and £10,000, and all payments of £250 or more. These are also on the London Datastore:

- <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/lfepa-procurement-information-purchase-order-f5-000-to-f10-00>
- <https://data.london.gov.uk/publisher/lfb?q=lfb%20payments>

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