



9 April 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Freedom of Information Request**

With reference to your request received on 29 February 2020 reference CA80, the information requested is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the late response.

Questions 1(a) How many staff are employed to work on accountancy matters at this time?

#### **Answer to Question 1(a):**

**As at 29 February 2020 the following staff were employed to work on accountancy matters: Chief Financial Officer (S73), 2 x Finance Managers, Chief Accountant (Deputy S73), Accountant, Accountancy Assistant**

Question 1(b) How many external staff from other public sector bodies provide accountancy support services at this time and is their support at cost?

#### **Answer to Question 1(b)**

**Other public bodies include Baldwins and LGSS (Local Government Shared Services).**

Question 1(c) How many staff are employed to work on legal matters at this time?


#### **Answer to Question 1(c)**

**As at 29 February 2020 the following staff are employed to work on legal matters:  
Deputy Monitoring Officer – directly employed  
Lawyer – directly employed  
Monitoring Officer – locum  
Lawyer – locum**

Question 1(d) How many staff from other public bodies provide legal support services at this time and is their support at cost?

#### **Answer to Question 1(d)**

**None**



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Question 2. Please provide information on the total external legal spend by law firm, the number of matters and, where possible\*, a basic description of the type of issue, in each of the following calendar years:

- (a) 2017-2018
- (b) 2018-2019
- (c) 2019-2020 (up to 31.12.2019)

### Answer to Q2

Information regarding legal spend can be found in the transparency reports which are on the Combined Authority website. Click on the link below:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/> The transparency reports can be found under the Documents tab.

Below is a list of Legal Firms which are on the transparency reports:


- Bevan Brittan
- Pinsent Mason
- Trowers and Hamlin
- 11KBW
- Blackstone Chambers
- HJ
- Greene & Greene
- Gunner Cooke
- Buckles
- Capsticks
- Leathers Prior
- Francis Taylor Building

**Question 3.** In respect of the contracts where spend has been above the relevant procurement threshold please provide the reference of the OJEU tender process or framework used.

### Answer to Q3

**In respect of the contracts where spend has been above the relevant procurement threshold, there have been no legal OJEU's, all of the requirements have been called off from the Crown Commercial Services frameworks RM3788 or RM3786.**

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address – [contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk) or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Incubator 2, The Boulevard, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon, PE28 4XA within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

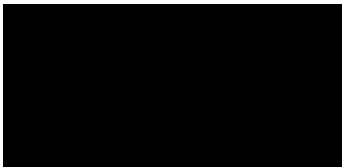


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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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