

20 November 2018

Freedom of Information Request – CA38

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 October 2018 where you requested the following information:

"Interim Chief Executive is reported as saying the Mayor obtained Advice outside the Authority. Can you please provide the name of the solicitor (or barrister) involved, how much they were paid and how their services were procured, please? (If there is a risk of ambiguity, please provide enough detail to enable identification of the adviser and their registration status)"

We have now completed searching for the information you requested. In response to your questions, we confirm as follows:

- The name of the firm of solicitors providing the advice was Trowers and Hamlin LLP
- Their invoice cost was £11,202 plus VAT
- Their services were procured by East Cambridgeshire District Council on behalf of the Combined Authority

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Incubator 2, Alconbury Weald Enterprise Campus, Huntingdon, PE28 4WX within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

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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