



Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
Pathfinder House
St Marys Street, Huntingdon
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23 September 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA458

Thank you for your request for information received on 2 September 2025. The response is given below:

Request

Please advise under FOI a list of all contracts which you hold with RON W. DEW & SON LIMITED.

Please include:

- Contract number
- Minimum number of passenger seats to be provided
- Contract end date
- Daily rate paid
- Whether any fare revenue is retained by the operator

Please also include a copy of the timetable.

Response

The information requested is shown in the table below. However, for the daily rate paid, we are applying an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to this information.

Exemption Applied

Under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information is exempt from release if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

In this case, it is the Combined Authority's view that the disclosure of the daily rate paid would prejudice the commercial interests of the successful bidder, in a procurement process, as it would negatively impact their position in the marketplace as it would reveal information that would be of benefit to their competitors

Public Interest Test

Section 43 is a qualified exemption, and therefore we have considered the public interest test to establish if the balance favours disclosure or withholding the information.

Public interest factors in disclosing the information:

- There is a strong and legitimate public interest in openness and transparency, especially with regards to decision-making and finances.
- Disclosure would help the public to satisfy itself that public money was being spent appropriately and wisely.
- Disclosure could contribute to more competitive tendering in future procurement exercises by providing bidders with greater insight into prevailing market rates and pricing strategies

Public interest factors in favour of withholding the information:

- Were the Authority to disclose the information requested it could affect its ability to contract services at a competitive rate in the future by making potential bidders reluctant to engage with procurement exercises for fear of any commercially sensitive information provided in their bid being disclosed to their competitors.
- Parties who were well placed to submit competitive bids in future procurement exercises might therefore decide not to do so thereby undermining the Authority's ability to procure goods and services at competitive rates and prejudicing its commercial interests.
- There is also a public interest in public bodies being able to procure goods and services effectively without potential bidders being reluctant to participate for fear of their commercially sensitive information being disclosed to competitors.

Having considered these factors, the Combined Authority is satisfied that it is appropriate to withhold the information and therefore your request for this information is refused.

Contract number	service number	Minimum number of passenger seats to be provided	Route	Current Expiry Date	Final Expiry Date	Whether any fare revenue is retained by the operator
8	8	24 seats	Cambridge - Dry Drayton - Papworth Everard	01/06/25	31/05/26	Min Cost
21	301	38 seats	St Ives - Earith - Somersham - Ramsey	16/08/26	15/08/27	Min Cost
22	301	16 seats	St Ives - Woodhurst - Old Hurst - Warboys	16/08/26	15/08/27	Min Cost
22A	300	28 seats	St Ives Town Circular	12/10/25	12/10/25	Min Cost
30/35	305	38 seats	Huntingdon - Warboys - Ramsey - Chatteris	12/10/25	12/10/25	Min Cost
31	31	38 seats	Whittlesey - Ramsey	31/12/25	31/12/25	Min Cost
65	65	24 seats	St Neots - The Offords - Buckden	28/09/25	26/09/27	Min Cost
150	150	16 seats	Tilbrook - Kimbolton - St Neots	28/09/25	26/09/27	Min Cost
400	400/401	38 seats	Huntingdon - Grafham - Spaldwick	28/09/25	26/09/27	Min Cost
401	400/401	38 seats	Huntingdon - Leighton Bromswold			Min Cost
415	415	16 seats	Peterborough - Upwood	28/09/25	26/09/27	Min Cost
MPV2	302	24 seats	March - Chatteris - Warboys - St Ives	12/10/25	12/10/25	Min Cost
V1/V3	301	24 seats	Ramsey - Warboys - Somersham - Earith - St Ives	12/10/25	12/10/25	Min Cost
Ely Zipper	Ely Zipper 1	30 seats	Ely - Stretham - Haddenham - Witcham - Ely	12/10/25	12/10/25	Min Cost
X32	32/X32	19 seats	32: March - Whittlesey - Ramsey; X32: March - Whittlesey	30/08/26	27/08/28	Min Cost
MPZipper 2/3	MPE22	24 seats	Ely - Chatteris - March	12/10/25	12/10/25	Minimum Subsidy

Timetables for all bus operators can be found on this link: [Bus Timetables - Combined Authority Transport](#)

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: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN 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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Susan Hall
Data Protection Officer