

1 April 2016

Our Ref: e18793

Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information which was received on 8 March 2016 has been considered.

Please find our response below.

Your request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek information about your contracts with Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

I would be grateful if you could please tell me the total value of London Borough of Richmond upon Thames's procurement using a formal tendering process over the past five years, and the total value of procurement from SMEs using a formal tendering process over this period.

Our response:

We are unable to provide any information with regards to the request within the time/cost limit specified by the Freedom of Information Act. Please see Appendix 1 for details.

Kind regards

Data Protection & Information Officer

Appendix 1

Costs Refusal

12 - Exemption where the cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1)Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

The appropriate limit has been set at £450 and may include working hours of any person acting on our behalf at a rate of £25 per hour. This equates to 18 hours to locate and extract the relevant information.

In order to retrieve this data it would be necessary to review a considerable amount of information on a case by case basis. Our databases do not specify between contracts with large, medium or small companies; we would need to assess each contractor separately to determine if relevant to your request. It may assist you to view our contracts log via:

<http://www.richmond.gov.uk/procurement>

We therefore consider compliance would be likely to exceed the above appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

You have the right of appeal against the decision. If you wish to appeal please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send to:

Corporate Complaints and Access to Information Manager
Community Engagement and Accountability Team
Adult and Community Services
3rd Floor Civic Centre
44 York Street
Twickenham
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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal appeal you may appeal further to the Information Commissioner's Office at:

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