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By email

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I refer to your request dated 23 September 2009 under the Freedom of Information Act for reports presented to the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on 30 July 2009.

You asked for:

- 1) a copy of the report considered as agenda item 20, vehicle charge card facilities and the minutes created as a result of the discussion.
- 2) a copy of the report considered as agenda item 22, improving health and wellbeing of officers and the minutes created as a result of the discussion.

I am able to respond as follows:

- 1) Please find enclosed a redacted copy of the report on vehicle charge card facilities and minutes of the discussion held on this report. Our decision on disclosure of the redacted information in both the report and minutes is given below.
- 2) Please find enclosed a redacted copy of the report on improving health and wellbeing of officers and minutes of the discussion held on this report. Our decision on disclosure of the redacted information in both the report and minutes is given below.

DECISION

I am afraid that we are unable to release the redacted information, as there are exemptions, which we consider prevent us doing so.

REASON FOR DECISION

We believe that the following exemption applies under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Section 41 Information Provided in Confidence
Section 43 Commercial interests

Section 41

With regard to the report and minutes on vehicle charge card facilities we understand that the requested information was provided in confidence and the disclosure of this information to you would constitute an actionable breach of confidence

This is an absolute exemption where the public interest test does not apply.

Section 43

We believe that disclosure of the redacted information in both the reports and minutes on vehicle charge card facilities and improving the health and wellbeing of officers would prejudice the commercial interests of the MPA/MPS when negotiating future contracts.

This is subject to the public interest test as follows:

Considerations in favour of disclosure

- The right of the public to have access to the information
- The information would enable informed public debate on this issue
- Accountability for the use of public funds

Considerations in favour of non-disclosure

- The need to preserve confidentiality having regard to the record of the information supplied
- Disclosure would affect the Authority's ability to negotiate future contracts if such confidences were not respected.
- Disclosure of the records could impair the Authority's ability to achieve value for money in the negotiation of future similar contracts

We are therefore not in a position to respond in full to your information request.

I hope that this response answers your questions.

However, if you are unhappy with the decision regarding your request for information you should write to me at the above address. I will arrange for an officer who has not had any involvement with this request to review our decision. If you are still unhappy after that, a further request can be made to the Information Commissioner, who will decide whether the request was dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Further information is available on the Information Commissioner's website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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