

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 28 May 2019 12:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-19-0585 - New Exhibition Centre
Attachments: V3 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf; FOI-19-0585 - New Exhibition Centre Final.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 26 April 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

Could you please supply information relating to the contract to construct the new exhibition centre, now referred to as TECA.

1). Following the signing of the contract and the price agreed, what extra work has been authorised

The Council through its development partner, Henry Boot Developments (HBD) has authorised the following extra works to the TECA development: -

- enhanced the audio-visual infrastructure to the exhibition halls and the conferencing facility;
- increased the conference and meeting room capacities;
- installed rigging and undertook mother grid alterations;
- installed acoustic treatment to the arena and exhibition halls;
- installed facilities to improve customer experience;
- enhanced interior design including fixtures and furniture;
- reconfigured the first floor VIP areas to include a show deck and circulation space; and
- provided increased security measures.

2). Please list each piece of work authorised

Please find enclosed document ref: [FOI-19-0585 – New Exhibition Centre Final](#) which includes breakdown of all the works authorised.

3). Please identify a price for each piece of extra work listed

The publication of the price for each piece of extra work would result releasing the financial information relating to a third party contractor which are commercially sensitive, therefore, ACC is unable to provide you the required details as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 33(1)(b) – Commercial Interests - of the FOISA.

Do commercial interests exist in relation to the information?

ACC considers that commercial interests exist because it comprises information in regards to a third party contractor pricing details.

Please describe how disclosure of the requested information would cause the level of harm required for this exemption?

Disclosure of this information into the public domain would highly affect the third party contractor specifically their pricing details. ACC considers that, were we to release this information, we would prejudice our commercial relationship with them who did not agree for their information to be made public.

What are the public interest arguments?

The public must be reassured that public bodies are spending taxpayers' money wisely. In particular, the public has the right to know how much money is being spent, and the nature of the extra services.

However, ACC is of the view that in this case, the public interest lies in withholding the information as disclosure would prejudice ACC's commercial relationships and future contractual negotiations with suppliers and after considering all the circumstances of the case, the public interest is best met by applying Section 33(1)(b).

4). Other than extra work carried out by the appointed contractor was any other work carried out that had not initially been authorised

There is none.

5). Please provide a detailed account of all extras including officer time, consultants and contractors.

Please note that all extra works associated with the above works are covered through existing project officers dedicated to delivering the project. There are no additional costs in relation to officer time.

The publication of the detailed account of all extras including officer time, consultants and contractors would result releasing the financial information relating to a third party contractor which are commercially sensitive, therefore, ACC is unable to provide you the required details as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 33(1)(b) – Commercial Interests - of the FOISA.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

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INSTRUCTED WORKS
Options Appraisal (Sub-T)
Temp Stairs
MEP for revised floor ducting agreement to Halls A, B & C
Operator alteration design fees
Remove Column C from Hall
Operator Alterations
Operator alterations additional design fees
Interior Designer Appointment
Reverberation treatment to Arena
Reverberation treatment to Halls A/B/C
Partition Amendments
Interior Design - Concept Design
Drape Track and Drapes (fee only)
Interior Implementation costs
Additional door hold-opens
Power & Data changes - conference centre - 3 phase power
Toilets; changes to IPS throughout & tiling to 1st floor restaurant toilets
Alterations to sprinklers to accommodate ceilings
Interior design detailed design fees
(REV A) Reverb to walls
Changes to doors
Conference Room Carpets
Clockroom Changes (shutter)
Service Yard Gate Type
Club Lounge Alterations
Amend Lighting Controls
Install 3 phase power containment only
3 Phase Power & Containment Works 28-11-18
Food & Beverage Screen Power and Data Points
Base Build finishes
Revised bulkhead detail
Licensing Application
Event control room repeater panels
Production Office Power and Data
Box Office Power & Data
Cabling and ducts for ANPR