

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked**

1. Whether the Electricity, Gas, Water, Fixed Line and Mobile Telephone usage monitoring and management, billing, payment and procurement of these utilities are dealt with in-house or whether they are outsourced to a consultancy/outside company to manage?

#### **Answer: Gas, Electricity and Water Usage**

This is managed (monitoring, billing queries and payment) by the Council's in-house Energy Management Team. However, the procurement of energy supplies is dealt with by the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) on behalf of the Council.

Fixed line and mobile telephone usage monitoring, management, billing, payment & procurement are all carried out in-house.

2. If they are outsourced could you please provide me with the name of the company that the current contract was awarded to, together with the names of any other companies that submitted a PQQ and/or tender.

#### **Gas, Electricity and Water Usage**

Leicester is one of seven ESPO member authorities and we benefit from sharing in a collaborative procurement approach. For further information about opportunities to tender the key contact at ESPO would be:

David Kwiatek (Group Buyer, Energy)  
ESPO  
Barnsdale Way  
Grove Park  
Enderby  
Leicester LE19 1ES

3. If they are outsourced could you please confirm the date when the current contract expires and when it will be next available for PQQ submission or tender.

#### **Gas, Electricity and Water Usage**

A recent tendering exercise undertaken by ESPO has resulted in supply contracts for the period 2012 -2016 being awarded to Total Gas & Power (for gas) and Scottish & Southern Energy (for electricity). There is no competition for water supply, this continues to be supplied by Severn Trent Water.

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Yours sincerely

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Head of Information Governance**