Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

1) If the Council has let one or more contracts for Arboriculture/tree surgery services under the EU Procurement Directives, we request, for each contract, (a) the name of the successful contractor, (b) the value at which the contract was let and (c) the term of the contract, including any option to extend.

All of these services are provided by Via EM on the County Council's behalf. Prior to Via EM being established the County Council did have a number of contracts with various suppliers, these contracts have subsequently transferred to Via EM.

2) If the Council has procured Arboriculture/tree surgery services within a wider multi-service contract under the EU Procurement Directives, then please provide details of (a) the service provider (b) which services are included in the contract and (c) the approximate value of the Arboriculture/tree surgery packages.

The details requested for Via arrangement itself are:

- (a) Via EM Ltd.
- (b) The Multi-Service contracts includes:
- (i) Highway / Environmental Design
- (ii) Street Lighting Design
- (iii) Highway Management
- (iv) Highway Liaison
- (v) Defending Highway related claims
- (vi) Grass cutting /weed spraying
- (vii) Abnormal load routing
- (viii) Arboreal and Environmental maintenance
- (ix) Street lighting, signals, signs, traffic signal maintenance
- (x) Drainage
- (xi) Winter Service
- (xii) Patching
- (xiii) Resurfacing
- (xiv) Repair of highway defects
- (xv) Highway Improvements
- (xvi) Road safety and Education
- (xvii) School Crossing patrol
- (xviii) Highway Inspections
- (xix) Accident Investigation Service
- (xx) Surface dressing and slurry sealing
- (xxi) Fleet management and vehicle maintenance

(c) The value of the works is circa £50 million p.a., no specific sum is hypothecated for the services specified however:

- (i) A Task Order was recently issued for Ash die-back works in 17/18 for £500,000
- (ii) A Task Order was raised last year for Ash die-back works in 16/17 for £500,000

*3)* If the Council delivers Arboriculture/tree surgery services through an in-house workforce, and prefers to deliver best value through this route, then please inform us of this, and the approximate annual expenditure of the Arboriculture/tree surgery services. N/A

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail <u>complaints@nottscc.gov.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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