REQUEST	SOCIAL CARE CONTRACTS	RESPONSE
Under FOI please provide the following information relating to the IT systems the Council uses to broker and contract with providers for the adult/childrens social care packages it commissions:		
1) What system(s) are currently used to facilitate social care brokerage and/or contracting for Children's services?		Liquid Logic Systems
2) What is the contract length and end date of the existing contract?		Managed by our current ICT managed service provider
3) What is the total contract value for the solution(s)? Please break this down where possible into any up-front costs including one-off payments and implementation costs; subsequent annual licensing fees and, any associated costs including hosting, support and maintenance.		Exemption applies to Q3 and Q6 due to an ongoing tender process. Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). There is currently an open commercial tender for the managed contract and the detail and level of expenditure requested cannot be disclosed at this stage as this would be likely to harm the Council's commercial interests. This is because bidders might artificially inflate their bids knowing the current value of elements of the contract. We therefore believe that the exemption within Section 43 (2) of the FOI Act is engaged. This exemption is subject to a public interest test. Whilst the council recognises the inherent public interest in transparency and accountability in its expenditure (and indeed, the overall contract value appears on the Council's contracts register), it believes the public interest in getting best value from the procurement process and keeping the burden on local taxpayers to a minimum outweighs the principles of transparency at this stage of the process.
4) What system(s) are currently used to facilitate social care brokerage and/or contracting for Adult services?		Mosaic – Servelec PLC
5) What is the contract length and end date of the existing contract?		Managed by our current ICT managed service provider
6) What is the total contract value for the solution(s)? Please break this down where possible into any up-front costs including one-off payments and implementation costs; subsequent annual licensing fees and, any associated costs including hosting, support and maintenance.		As per response on Q3