



Request

1. Who does the authority partner with to purchase their cyber security solutions?
2. Which supplier provides the authority's endpoint solution software?
3. When is the current renewal date for the authority's endpoint solution software?
4. Does the authority carry out penetration tests and if so, when was the last test carried out?

Response

We have a fully managed service provider, Agilisys Ltd. They are our provider of such solutions

Agilisys Ltd MSP

MSP Contract runs until 2033

The Council confirms that it holds this information. However, the information you are requesting is being withheld from disclosure. Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) states that information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

Disclosure under the FoIA is deemed to be disclosure to the world at large, i.e. placing it in the public domain. Disclosure of the requested information to the public would be valuable information to potential cyber criminals allowing them to identify the security framework and to identify possible weaknesses in cyber security processes.

This exemption is subject to a Public Interest Test. Whilst the Council acknowledges the inherent public interest in transparency in its activities, it believes in this case the public interest in protecting the personal and sensitive data held on its systems is of more significance. Furthermore, the cost to the public purse of responding to cyber attacks adds to the balance of arguments against disclosure. Taking these factors into consideration, the Council assesses the public interest is not in favour of disclosure.