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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI689024869

Thank you for your request for information relating to Surveying and geospatial activities.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. What are the biggest challenges your organisation currently faces in surveying and geospatial activity?
- 2. Are you confident in your full knowledge of the condition and knowledge of your impact on our local environment?

For Questions 1 and 2, we advise that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. To assist, we advise that this is being considered and we expect that a geospatial strategy will be available for future publication later this year.

In the interim, you may wish to refer to the wider Digital Strategy which is available online at:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/digital-coventry/digital-coventry-1

3. What are your organisation's key strategic objectives for the next 12-24 months, and how does surveying and geospatial fit into these?

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing

the Council website, please use the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies

At present we do not hold any specific information regarding geospatial as per Question 1.

4. Please detail any planned development of sites or assets.

This question is too broad as we manage many capital operational and education projects.

To assist, further information which may be useful is available using the link below: https://www.coventry.gov.uk/planning-development

5. Do you have a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying?

Yes. This is Contract COV10289 - CCTV Inspection and Clearance Services.

Contract awarded to Onsite Central Ltd and Amelio Utilities Ltd for the inspection and clearance of drainage which includes mapping and surveying.

6. If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration

COV10289 – CCTV Inspection and Clearance Services Framework commencement 01/02/2022 and expiry 31/03/2026

Coventry City Council have procured their own framework agreement in collaboration with Warwickshire County Council, with the procurement led by Coventry City Council.

This framework value over the 4 years is £1,500,000 of which £1,000,000 is Coventry City Council and £500,000 is Warwickshire County Council.

7. If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for surveying and geospatial works have been undertaken? Not applicable.

8. Please share your planned procurement pipeline for surveying and geospatial works for the next 12 months

Refer to Question 6. The Framework agreement will be expiring 31st March 2026, and over the coming months the Council's requirements will be reviewed with the intention to procure later in the year.

9. How do you engage with potential new suppliers—through open tenders, direct engagement, or supplier days?

Potential new suppliers for this requirement are engaged by running open tenders. Further information is available using the link below:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/business-council

10. Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development contracts and provide their contact details and role title?

Corporate geospatial applications are primarily managed by Digital Services with Ordnance Survey data managed under the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement.

The CCTV Inspection and Clearance Services contract administrator is the Flood Risk Manager.

11. Please provide a list of frameworks that you procure related services through.

See response to Question 9.

12. Do you plan to repurpose any sites for renewable energy or solar farms?

We are not at the stage to confirm for any site to be repurposed.

13. Do you have any issues with subsidence in your properties? If so, where?

No.

14. When developing/purchasing/selling a site, how do you verify that the boundaries are correct?

Yes.

15. Do you have any public cycleway schemes coming up in the next 12-24 months?

Yes. Further details of cycleway schemes are accessible on the Council's website: https://www.coventry.gov.uk/cycling-1/segregated-cycleways/5

16. How do you ensure the safety of your teams on site? Do you provide utility plans?

Depending on the site and type of works we operate a permit to dig procedure. Public Utility services searches are carried out prior to design to mitigate risk and inform control measures together with onsite detection as part of Health and Safety procedures prior to commencement of works.

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Yours faithfully

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