

## INFORMATION RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Information released title	ICT documents
Original request	<p>I would like to submit a freedom of information request for the following document relating to the following:</p> <p>ICT Documents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ICT Strategy- I require the document that hold future plan and strategy of the organisation's ICT department.</li> <li>2. ICT Departmental Business Plan</li> <li>3. ICT Technical Strategy.</li> <li>4. ICT Structure</li> <li>5. ICT Capital budgets and programmes</li> </ol> <p>If you feel that your organisation or the department hold other documents that relate to my request or the document above please send them accordingly.</p> <p>Lead member: Cabinet Member for ICT and Telecommunications come under? Please can you provide me with their direct contact details including their Full Name, Actual Job Title, Contact Number and Direct Email Address?</p> <p>Can you please provide me with a direct link to this committee?</p>
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**Information released:**

- 1 – 3 The current and planned IT projects to be progressed in 2015/16 by UKCES include:
- development of staff capabilities and utilisation of Office 365 and other productivity technologies;
  - roll out of business intelligence tool/enhanced financial reporting;
  - finance system upgrade rollout;
  - development of an Information Management Strategy.

In addition, UKCES holds a technical plan which steers its protective security. However, as you may be aware, in some circumstances, certain types of information requested may be withheld under an exemption or exemptions articulated in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In this instance, we are withholding the information because we consider that Exemption 31(1)(a) of the FOIA applies to it.

*Exemption 31(1)(a)*

*Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—*

*(a) the prevention or detection of crime.*

The Information Commissioner's Office 'exemption for law enforcement' guidance explains that security of IT systems is likely to be covered by the exemption for general law enforcement activities referred to in S.31(1). We believe disclosure of information about our servers and systems is likely to pose a threat to the UK Commission's IT security.

The UK Commission recognises that there is a public interest in promoting public understanding of how the organisation protects its assets and in providing assurance that it is taking steps to prevent unauthorised access to its systems. However, it is also our view that there is a strong public interest in maintaining its protective security arrangements, enabling it to meet its statutory duties and securing its assets. We believe that this public interest outweighs the arguments in favour of transparency.

- 4 Please find on p. 4 a chart that describes the structure of the ICT and security function at UKCES. The organisation's ICT function forms part of its Business Services Team, which provides specialist communications, IT, finance, HR, procurement, governance and Commissioner support expertise to the objectives and to support the organisation as a whole. Please also see page 11 of [UKCES' Business Plan 2014/15](#) to gain an understanding of the organisation's wider structure.
- 5 At present, budgets for IT projects have not been finalised. Therefore I can advise at present that this information is not available.



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Please also see the organisation's [2014/15 Business Plan](#) which sets out the funding levels for 2014/15. We also publish [transparency data on spending](#), which may be of interest.

- 6 We would welcome some clarification on the information requested relating to the 'Lead member: Cabinet Member for ICT and Communications'. The UK Commission is a Non-Departmental Public Body with a governance structure that is distinct from the cabinet model adopted by local government.

# UKCES ICT and security function: Organisational structure

