

FOI Release
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Title: ICT documents

Date of release: 10 March 2017

Information request:

1. ICT Strategy- I require the document that hold future plan and strategy of the organisation's ICT department.
2. ICT Departmental Business Plan
3. ICT Technical Strategy.
4. ICT Structure
5. ICT Capital budgets and programmes

Can you please provide me with a direct link to the ICT committee?

Information released:

1. This information is not ready for publication so is exempt from disclosure under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 22 is a 'qualified' exemption which means that we are obliged to consider whether the public interest would be best served by disclosure of this document in draft form or by withholding it until it is in order for publication. Having considered the public interest arguments for and against disclosure we take the view that the public interest would be best served by withholding the document at this time, in order to avoid releasing incomplete and misleading information out of context.

2. The IPO does not hold a document of this description.
3. The IPO does hold ICT information of a technical nature, including strategic information, but it is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1) (a).

The reason why we consider this information to be exempt is because section 31(1) (a) applies to information, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Disclosure of this information would assist any persons intent on breaching our security defences. Section 31 is a 'qualified' exemption, which means that we are obliged to consider any public interest arguments for or against disclosure. Having considered this we have concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption overrides the public interest in disclosure.

4. The department structure is shown in the accompanying document.
5. The ITC budget is approximately £3,426,000 for 2016/17, divided between the programmes shown below.

Fixed Assets	YTD		Full Year		
	Actual	Budget	Forecast	Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
NBV as at 31 March 2016	27,696	27,696	27,696	0	0%
Additions:					
Land and Buildings	597	444	558	114	26%
Other fixed assets (exc Software)	468	1,149	1,049	- 100	-9%
Software:					
Designs Project	420	512	512	-	0%
GOTHEM/COPS	576	572	572	-	0%
PTP	137	588	588	-	0%
SWIFT	36	36	36	-	0%
TRIPOD	-	1,378	40	-1,338	-97%
IT Other	-	629	629	-	0%
Total Additions	2,234	5,308	3,984	-1,324	-25%

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