

FOIO 0430/2023 Response

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to the Accounts Payable team capabilities and protections against fraud, errors, duplicates and compliance

1. Does the authority share accounts payable or procurement functions with another authority or shared service function? If yes, who?

Not for Accounts Payable but we are part of a Collaborative for Birmingham and Solihull Procurement Services .

2. Which ERP system is used by the authority (e.g. Oracle, SAP, Advanced, Civica)?
***Clarification: ERP stands for enterprise resource planning – which is a type of business management software. ERP finance modules offer many of the same features as accounting software, such as tools for accounts receivable and payable, general ledger, expense management, reporting and analysis, and more.

Integra for both accounts payable and procurement functions.

3. Please state the total number and value of supplier transactions (invoices and credit notes) processed by Accounts Payable in the last financial year?

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4. Does the authority utilise any 3rd party software to identify or protect against supplier payment errors (including duplicate, erroneous payments or potential fraud) before payment is made?

No, this is built into our system.

5a. If yes, please state the name of the software, the engagement date, the current contract end date and the annual value of the contract awarded to the external organisation (or total value and contract length)

N/A – please refer to question 4.

5. Does the authority utilise any 3rd party or 3rd party software to identify historical payment errors (including duplicate, erroneous payments or potential fraud)?

N/A – please refer to question 4.

6a. If yes, please state the name of the software or partner, the engagement date and the current contract end date and frequency of engagement (if not continuous.) Please also provide the contract value or terms of engagement (if not a fixed fee)

N/A – please refer to question 4.

6b. Please provide the value of monies recovered by the software or partner for the most recent financial year

N/A – please refer to question 4.

6. Does the authority utilise any 3rd party or 3rd party software to reconcile supplier statements and identify overpayments or unclaimed credits on a regular basis?

This is carried out in house.

7a. If yes, please provide the name of the provider/software and a brief description of frequency/level of support.

N/A – please refer to question 6.

7b. Please provide the current contract end date and the annual value of the contract awarded to the external organisation (or total value and contract length)

N/A – please refer to question 6.

8. Does the authority make any checks, either directly or via any 3rd party or 3rd party software to identify sanctioned suppliers, both directly and indirectly owned, within the supplier master file?

N/A.

8a. If yes, please provide the name of the provider/software and confirm the frequency of checking.

N/A.