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REQUEST AND RESPONSE

- 1) Which software and /or hardware does the council use for Filtering / Blocking / Monitoring access to the Internet for council staff and Education users.

The Council confirms that it does carry out the above mentioned activities for council staff (this council does not deliver education services). However details in respect of the Council's software/applications relating to some IT security applications is being withheld as, having given due consideration to the data, we consider that disclosure of this information would potentially undermine our security arrangements.

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Tendring District Council (TDC) is withholding the above mentioned information under the Law Enforcement exemption (Section 31 (1) (a)). This being "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 the prevention or detection of crime". TDC considers it is vital to safeguard the details of the crime prevention measures taken by this authority in relation to IT security and in this instance, the determination is that there is greater public interest in withholding the information detailed above than there is in releasing it into the public domain.

- 2) Please include details of contracts for the above services the authority are currently engaged in, including:

- Capital & revenue costs – **The software is part of a larger bundle providing other IT security services therefore no specific cost is recorded**
- Contract start and expiry dates – **The current licence expires 1/10/15**
- Details of which filtering solution is used (**see above**)
- Which companies / resellers these were purchased from - **The company is Secure Data (<https://www.secddata.com/>)**
- Number of internet accessing devices covered by the solution – **This varies with volume and demand. The council records the total number of desktop devices at 1st of April each year; the count for the current financial year (including stock devices) is 615**
- Names of the persons responsible for managing the system at the council - **The Council has an outsourced IT Service. The IT & Related Services Agreement commenced in expires in March 2016 and the services are delivered by Trinity Services (<http://www.trinityservice.co.uk/>).**

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