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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3365

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).
You requested the following information:

The ICT documents I require is the most recent update.

I wish to obtain the following documents:

- 1. ICT/IM&T/IS Strategy- The IT department strategy or plans, highlights their current and future objectives.*
- 2. ICT Org Chart- A visual document that presents the structure of the IT department, please include name and job titles. If this cannot be sent, please work towards a structure with job titles.*
- 3. ICT Annual or Business Plan- Like the ICT strategy but is more annually focused.*
- 4. ICT Capital Programme/budget- A document that shows financials budget on current and future projects.*

If some of these documents are not valid, please state when the 2020 ICT documents are planned to be published.

You may have received the same request in the past. But the information sent has now expired and I required an updated 2020 onwards document. Please arrange the same.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold [some of] the requested information. We will address each of your points in turn.

- 1. ICT/IM&T/IS Strategy- The IT department strategy or plans, highlights their current and future objectives.***

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

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21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. As such we can advise that there has been no update to the information provided in your previous request which is available on the following link: [RFI2988 - ICT Plans Strategy.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#).

2. *ICT Org Chart- A visual document that presents the structure of the IT department, please include name and job titles. If this cannot be sent, please work towards a structure with job titles.*

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

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Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. As such we can advise that our current structure chart is available on the following link: [RFI3306 - Structure Chart.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#).

3. *ICT Annual or Business Plan- Like the ICT strategy but is more annually focused.*

Please find attached Annex A, which contains the relevant sections of the Homes England Annual Business Plan. We have reviewed the contents of the current Annual Business Plan in so far as they apply to ICT services as the document also covers other services and therefore most of its contents are outside the scope of your request.



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4. ICT Capital Programme/budget- A document that shows financials budget on current and future projects.

We can confirm that the capital budget for projects in 2020/2021 was £1.48m. There is no capital budget for projects in 2021/2022.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link <https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

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RFI3365 - Annex A

	Long-term priority	20/21 Activity	20/21 Output (measure of success)	Activity owner
1	<p>Data and Platforms: Create strong, stable technology foundations for Service Transformation, with trustworthy, accessible data to enable Homes England.</p>	<p>Strengthen digital foundations - Improving our cornerstone platforms, network architecture, data architecture and data platform.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud platform in production use (Q2) • Common data platform in production use (Q2) • Crown hosting data centre migration complete (Q3) • A heterogeneous wide area network (Q2) • Increase in data volumes with the common data platform and consumption of data platform by decision-support tools (Q4) 	Chief Digital and Technology Officer