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REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 27th July 2023. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided in the attached Appendix A.

In accordance with our obligation to provide advice and assistance under Section 15 of FOISA, we have to advise that as a non-departmental public body, the National Park Authority does not process unsolicited requests from suppliers. For most purchases, the National Park Authority uses Scottish Government contracts. There are many forms of Government contracts, most IT related hardware/software is sourced from either Crown Commercial Services (CCS) contractions or Scottish Government (SG) contracts.

Links to these contract services are provided as follows:

CCS: Crown Commercial Service - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

SG: <u>Procurement: Scottish Government frameworks and contracts - gov.scot</u> (www.gov.scot)

The National Park Authority would very rarely issue tenders for IT related hardware and software. Where required, tenders would be advertised via a public contracts portal website: Home - Public Contracts Scotland

We would recommend registration with this site should you be interested in being considered for any future contracts or tenders advertised by the National Park Authority

Yours sincerely

Information Management

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in

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order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you
 received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have
 received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act
 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

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