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Request for copies of the following information relating to your council's use of private enforcement agents (HCEOs) over the past five years:

1. Contracts & Frameworks
2. Complaints & Audit Data
3. Risk & Governance Policies
4. Council–Agent Communications
5. Scrutiny Committee Records
6. Performance Metrics & Payments
7. Training & Vetting Requirements
8. Regulatory & MP Correspondence

Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide this information at this time.

The current contractual arrangement between the Sheriff Officer and the Council expires in January 2026 and the tender for the new contract is due to be published soon. If information relating to this contract, is released at this time, it would prejudice the commercial interests of those submitting tenders and the Council. This may disadvantage potential suppliers who are not aware of information released under the legislation and who would not access it during the window to return tender submissions.

I consider that, in these circumstances, the public interest is outweighed by the necessity that this information is not placed into the public domain prior to completion of the tender process and allows fairness to all potential suppliers in regard to this contract.