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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How many times did your council experience an attempted cyber-attack in each of the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024? <i>If you do not have complete data for 2024, please provide the most up to date information you have available</i>2. Of these attacks, how many resulted in the criminal being able to obtain data or disable systems, per calendar year: 2022, 2023, 2024?3. Please advise what is the most common type of attack you have experienced, again per calendar year: 2022, 2023, 2024? (e.g. malware, ransomware, phishing)4. For each of the calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024, what has been the financial cost to recover from these cyber-attacks? <i>If you cannot provide an exact cost, please provide an estimate.</i> Please include costs such as rectification, loss of data, money paid to hackers, legal costs, etc.5. Do you have an insurance policy to protect against the potential consequences of cyber-attacks?6. When did you last update your security system to cope with the volume and sophistication of cyber-attacks?	<p>The Council confirms that it holds this information. Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) states that information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.</p> <p>Disclosure under the FoIA is deemed to be disclosure to the world at large, i.e. placing it in the public domain. Disclosure of the requested information to the public would be valuable information to potential cyber criminals allowing them to identify the security framework and to identify possible weaknesses in cyber security processes.</p> <p>We therefore believe that the exemption at section 31(1)(a) of Fhe FoIA is engaged</p> <p>This exemption is subject to a Public Interest Test. Whilst the Council acknowledges the inherent public interest in transparency in its activities, it believes in this case the public interest in protecting the personal and sensitive data held on its systems is of more significance. Taking these factors into consideration, the Council assesses the public interest is not in favour of disclosure.</p>