

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27891

For the period from the date Reform UK assumed control/leadership of the authority to the date of this request, please provide the following recorded information:

1. Reform UK / DOGE involvement

Please provide a list of meetings or briefings involving senior council officers (Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, Section 151/Finance Officer, Procurement or IT/Digital leadership) and:

** Reform UK national employees/officers;*

Zoom Call on 18 August 13:30-13:45 with the following people:

Louise Aynsley

Tracey Woods

Cllr Vicky Armstrong

Cllr John Matthews

Richard Tice, MP

Meeting title Reform UK Council Pension Calls

** Reform UK's Director of Local Government;*

** individuals representing Reform UK's DOGE initiative or acting as external advisers to it.*
Suffolk County Council does not have any individuals representing Reform UK's DOGE initiative or acting as external advisers to it.

For each, please provide the date, attendees and recorded meeting title/purpose.

N/A

Please also provide copies of any reports, presentations or written recommendations supplied by those individuals concerning:

** council spending/efficiency;*

** procurement/contracts;*

** IT/digital services;*

** suppliers;*

** data; or*

** artificial intelligence/automation.*

N/A

Routine correspondence arranging meetings may be excluded.

2. Council contracts/information shared externally

Please identify any proposed or existing council contract, procurement document, supplier information or other commercially sensitive council information recorded as having been supplied to the Reform UK/DOGE individuals described above.

For each, please provide the date, recipient, nature of the information and contract/supplier concerned.

Suffolk County Council's (SCC) Procurement team have not shared anything externally.

3. AI and algorithmic systems

Please provide the authority's existing AI/algorithm register, inventory or equivalent record showing AI, machine-learning, generative-AI, predictive-analytics or automated decision-support systems currently in operational use or pilot.

If no central register exists, please state this.

I am particularly interested in systems used in:

- * children's services/SEND;*
- * adult social care;*
- * housing/benefits;*
- * fraud detection;*
- * safeguarding; and*
- * enforcement/surveillance.*

For each system listed in any register held, please provide the supplier, purpose and service area.

No central register exists

4. New technology decisions since Reform assumed control

Please provide a list of contracts involving AI, automated decision-support or predictive analytics that have been:

- * newly awarded;*
- * renewed;*
- * materially expanded; or*
- * moved from pilot to operational use*

Supplier: Beam

Contract Title: Beam Notes

Value: £220,000

Decision/award date: 19th June 2026

since Reform UK assumed control/leadership.

For each, please provide the supplier, contract title, value and decision/award date where recorded.

This question is specifically limited to decisions taken during the current administration and is intended to distinguish these from inherited contracts.

5. Governance

For any AI/algorithmic system identified under questions 3 or 4 which is used to assess, score, prioritise, triage or make recommendations concerning individual members of the public, please provide the relevant:

** Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA);*

Beam is only used for transcription and is not used for the purposes outlined in the question. Therefore, we do not have a DPIA, as we are not using an AI tool in that way.

SCC's adult social care does not use AI to assess, score, prioritise, triage or make recommendations concerning individual members of the public and therefore we do not have a relevant DPIA for these purposes.

** AI/algorithmic impact or risk assessment,*

where held.

No records held.