

My ref: FC 11.12.2018 Response
Your ref:

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Dear Mr Rowson,

I write in response to the supplementary question you posed at Full Council on 11th December 2018.

Your question was:

"The justification for the ERP Gold project was to save money by replacing Oracle and Fujitsu with Agresso or Unit 4, a simpler tier two ERP product. On August 14th this year, five months after go live, Northamptonshire County Council spend data show a payment to the Oracle Corporation of £29,440 with an expense type of "Computer Software Annual Licence Agreement."

In this Council's pay data for June this year, Fujitsu services was paid £327,700 with an expense type of "Computer software – purchase". Can you please explain why the two Councils are still paying these suppliers, what the payments are for, and for how much longer will they continue?"

The payment from Northamptonshire to Oracle of £24,533 (or £29,440 including VAT) is for general database services for the wider LGSS IT estate and does not relate to the old Oracle financial system. Cambridgeshire continues to make payment to Oracle for servers, licences and support for the Oracle technology that Mosaic, a Core Logic system, runs on. Payment will continue until a decision is made to cease using Oracle for these services.

The payment to Fujitsu of £269,750 (or £323,700 including VAT) is for Citrix licences for the application and desktop virtualisation software used by Cambridgeshire for access to a range of applications. Payment will continue until the Council decides to cease using Citrix.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Count".

Councillor Steve Count
Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council