

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST – CHECKLIST
Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972

Name of Report: Disposal of the Pendleton House, Broughton Road, Salford
Committee: Deputy City Mayor
Date 10 February 2015

Category of exemption applied: Council's Financial Interest

Public Interest Test Questionnaire

This is not a definitive list. However, it does provide a series of questions that you should ask yourself when recommending confidentiality.

FACTORS WHICH SUPPORT DISCLOSING INFORMATION	
Will disclosure help people to understand and participate in public debate about current issues?	Yes
Will disclosure help people to understand why the Council has taken certain decisions?	Yes
Will disclosure give the public information about the personal probity (or otherwise) of elected members or council staff?	No
Will disclosure encourage greater competition and better value for money for council taxpayers?	No
Will disclosure allow individuals and companies to understand decisions made by the Council that have affected their lives?	No
Is the information about factors that affect public health and public safety? (NB you should be careful if considering the release of information which might adversely affect public health and safety)	No
Will disclosure reveal incompetent, illegal or unethical decision-making or examples of malpractice?	No
Will disclosure reveal that such maladministration has not in fact occurred?	N/A

FACTORS WHICH SUPPORT WITHHOLDING INFORMATION	
Will disclosure damage the Council's interests without giving the public any useful information?	Yes
Will disclosure damage another organisation or person's interests, without giving the public any useful information?	Yes
Will disclosure give an unfair, prejudicial or inaccurate view of a situation?	No
Will disclosure prevent the effective delivery of services without giving the public useful information?	No
Will disclosure put the health and safety of any group or individuals at risk?	No
Is there a clear and coherent reason why the community in general would benefit more from information being withheld?	Yes

**Justification of decision
(Please provide explicit reasoning)**

Disclosure of details of the proposed transaction is likely to be detrimental to the financial interests of the Council, as it would disclose the offers received which are commercially confidential.

The property is surplus and has started deteriorating, its sale will save costs and thus has a positive impact on delivery of council services. Nearby owners and occupiers will be positively affected by the refurbishment and re-development of the property. Accordingly there is no over-riding public interest for disclosure.

The details of the transaction will be available following its completion as it will be recorded at the Land Registry and publicly available for a modest fee.

Other documents attached? No

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