

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

**Name of Report: Disposal of Former Irlam Council Offices and Site, Aastley Road, Irlam.**

**The Deputy City Mayor**

Date 28 July 2015

**Category of exemption applied: Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information )**

**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	
<b>Will disclosure help people to understand and participate in public debate about current issues?</b>	Yes
Will disclosure help people to understand why the Council has taken certain decisions?	Yes
<b>Will disclosure give the public information about the personal probity (or otherwise) of elected members or council staff?</b>	No
Will disclosure encourage greater competition and better value for money for council taxpayers?	No
<b>Will disclosure allow individuals and companies to understand decisions made by the Council that have affected their lives?</b>	Yes
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
<b>Will disclosure reveal incompetent, illegal or unethical decision-making or examples of malpractice?</b>	No

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

<b>Justification of decision (Please provide explicit reasoning)</b>
Disclosure before exchange of contracts would be inappropriate as it would disclose confidential information supplied to the Council by interested parties participating in the sale process and is likely to adversely affect the financial position of the Council and those interested parties.

Other documents attached? N/A

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Date: 16 July 2015