

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

Name of Report: Approval for an Exception to Contractual Standing Orders to award contracts for projects within the Skills and Work Programme.

Committee: Procurement Board on 1st July 2020.

Category of exemption applied: Category 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	
Will disclosure help people to understand and participate in public debate about current issues?	no
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?	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
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?	no

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?	Yes
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?	No

Justification of decision (Please provide explicit reasoning)
The report contains information on the future of a number of current contracts. Any decision will be subject to the confirmation of final budgets for 2021/22, which will need to be agreed before the results are published and providers notified.

Other documents attached? No

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