

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

Name of Report:
Eccles Town Centre

Committee:
Property and Regeneration Briefing
Date: 12th September 2022

Category of exemption applied: Paragraph 3 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 - 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 | |
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| 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? | 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 | |
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| 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? | Yes |

| Justification of decision |
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| The report includes finance sensitive information which if released could significantly prejudice the city council's position. |

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