

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

Name of Report: Security Staffing

Committee: Lead Member Briefing
25.06.18

Category of exemption applied: Paragraphs 4 and 7

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?	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)	Yes
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?	Yes

Justification of decision

(Please provide explicit reasoning)

The report relates to the means by which the City Councils accesses the security staffing required in order to deliver its Control room and city watch functions. The report contains commercially confident costings, in the form of both current charges levied by our current contractor and our assessment of the in house directly employed staffing costs. The public release of this information would place our existing contractor at commercial disadvantage and may further expose the authority to increased tendering costs from persons who use the in house costs to influence a higher tendered price.

Other documents attached? No

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