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I would like to request the following information regarding the Haigh Hall restoration project:

1. The costs associated with each of the contractors listed as working on the Haigh Hall project:
 - Atkins Realis
 - Purcell
 - Witherford, Watson, and Mann
 - Plincke
 - Greenwoods
 - Curtins
 - Greenways
2. A breakdown of these costs (if available) by services provided, contract duration, or any other available categories.

Given that figures related to AI and AI's involvement in the project have been made public, I believe this request aligns with the council's approach to transparency and accountability for public expenditure.

RESPONSE

1. The total costs of the main contractor in relation to the Levelling Up project, Atkins Realis, and their sub-contractors is £2,930,345.

The total costs of the main contractor in relation to the National Lottery Heritage Fund project, Plincke, and their sub-contractors is £1,083,952

2. The Council are refusing to provide a breakdown of the sub-contractors' costs.

The Council is refusing to disclose this information as it believes the information is exempt under s43 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. This provides that information is exempt information if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the authority, holding the information. The information contains the costings of sub-contractors and if this were to be supplied it may prejudice the sub-contractor's business as their charges would be known. The contractor has objected to the release of the information.

The Council has considered the public interest test and balanced the need for transparency and openness against and with the need to maintain commercial contracts, negotiation and appropriate terms.

On balance the authority believes that to disclose the contractual terms of third parties and the Council would affect its ability to negotiate and enter into contracts with appropriate terms that ultimately affects the tax paying public.