



**Wigan[♥]
Council**

We request disclosure of the following information in relation to the proposed or actual use of public funds for capital contributions, grants, loans or financial support to commercial operators or tenants specifically the proposed cinema and leisure operation at The Galleries/Fettlers scheme as part of the Wigan town centre redevelopment or regeneration scheme (including, but not limited to, The Galleries/Fettlers redevelopment):

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| <p>1. Details of any financial assistance offered, proposed, or agreed with any commercial cinema and/or leisure operators or tenants, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The names of recipients (companies or brands);b. The amount and nature of the funding (e.g. capital contribution, grant, loan or other support);c. The purpose and justification for such funding;d. Any conditions or obligations attached to the receipt of the funds. | <p>No financial support has been offered, proposed or agreed with any commercial cinema and/or leisure operators or tenants on the Galleries/ Fettlers project.</p> |
| <p>2. Internal and external reports, assessments, or legal advice related to the justification for providing such funding to commercial cinema and leisure operators/tenants.</p> | <p>No financial support has been offered, proposed or agreed with any commercial cinema and/or leisure operators or tenants on the Galleries/ Fettlers project, thus no internal or external reports, assessments, or legal advice have been required.</p> |
| <p>3. Any subsidy control assessments (including compliance statements under the Subsidy Control Act 2022) undertaken in relation to the provision of any such public funding.</p> | <p>At this stage in the project, we are still considering options for the range of uses, and potential occupier for the building. There will be decision points in the future for the organisation where we will be considering the commercial aspects (including finances) of this part of the development. We will ensure that any decisions made will be in accordance with all legislative requirements, including the Subsidy Control Act if it is applicable. Thus, no subsidy control assessments have been undertaken as no financial support has been offered, proposed or agreed.</p> |
| <p>4. Whether any such financial support was subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A competitive process;b. An open tender or application procedure. | <p>Not applicable.</p> |
| <p>5. Minutes or summaries of council meetings, cabinet decisions, or officer decisions where such funding was discussed or approved.</p> | <p>Minutes of meetings where funding has been discussed are exempt under Section 44 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 44 (1)(a) exempts information if its disclosure is prohibited by other legislation, in this case Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> |