



FOI 18729	RESPONSE
<p>Please can you provide an itemised list of the successful tender prices for all Home to School routes for the current school year (2025/26) for all recent round of comps. Please itemise with...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The price per route OR day OR week, whichever is most convenient</li><li>b. The route number assigned, eg LAN111 or HOP222 or OOB333 etc</li><li>c. The type of vehicle required for the route</li><li>d. The successful contractor providing the route (any information deemed personal may be initialised, eg Arthur Ball = AB)</li></ul>	<p><b>a. The price per route OR day OR week, whichever is most convenient.</b></p> <p>The Council holds the price per route, however is withholding it from disclosure in accordance with Section 43(2) of the FOI Act which exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). In applying this exemption, we have carried out a public interest test. While we recognise the importance of openness and transparency in the spending of public funds, we believe that this is outweighed by the potential harm that could result from disclosure. Specifically, releasing the requested information could prejudice future negotiations for similar contracts, to the detriment of both the Council and the service providers involved. We therefore consider that maintaining the exemption serves the greater public interest in ensuring fair and competitive procurement processes.</p> <p><b>b. The route number assigned, eg LAN111 or HOP222 or OOB333 etc</b></p> <p><b>c. The type of vehicle required for the route</b></p> <p><b>d. The successful contractor providing the route (any information deemed personal may be initialised, eg Arthur Ball = AB)</b></p> <p>For information for items b, c &amp; d, please find attached excel sheet 'Record of Contracted Routes' relating to contracts awarded for home to school routes for academic year 2025/26.</p>