



Please can you provide an itemised list of the cost of all Home to School transport routes for the school year 2024/25. Please itemise with

- a. The total price per route OR day OR week, whichever is most convenient

- b. The type of vehicle required for the route
- c. The total distance for each journey
- d. Number of Passenger Assistants required

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.

For information for items b, c & d, please find attached excel sheet 'Record of Contracted Routes' relating to contracts awarded for home to school routes for academic year 2024/5