



REQUEST 19212

I am requesting information, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding the financial decision-making process within the specified public-private partnership in regard to the outsourcing of the LSV Stewarding contract to CSG.

Specifically, I seek documentation related to the decision itself, including analysis, reports, and any final approvals that led to the financial determination, subject to applicable exemptions

RESPONSE

As Leigh Sports Village (LSV) is a company owned by Wigan Council. Wigan Council's 'Procurement Thinking Tool' was completed to review and consider the impact of this business proposal.

Risks and considerations were assessed as part of the commissioning process. The 'Thinking Tool' is an extensive document asking commissioners to consider options fully.

Finance and Legal stakeholders are consulted as part of this internal decision-making process. Wigan Council's Head of Procurement receives these internal considerations for review.

However, the "Procurement Thinking Tool" is part of an internal process and very much a control / audit document. Regrettably, it is not available in the public domain.

Under the Procurement Act 2023 (in force from 24 February 2025), council-owned companies — often referred to as Teckal companies, Local Authority Trading Companies (LATCs), or Arm's Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) — must adhere to transparency requirements when awarding contracts, including publishing **Contract Details Notices** on the Government's central digital platform ('Find a Tender' website) for "notifiable" contracts.

A notice will be published for this commission in line with national legislation.