

Request

1. Confirm that the coaches were formally recorded as a Council asset.
2. Confirm that they had been properly declared surplus and that the appropriate officer authorised their disposal.
3. Confirm whether an independent assessment or valuation of the coaches was undertaken.
4. Explain how the proposed sale price was established and whether it represents an honest market value.
5. Provide the sale price.
6. Explain why the coaches were offered directly to the consultant rather than being openly marketed or offered to other potential purchasers, including the council's own Lancashire Mining museum.
7. Explain how any potential conflict of interest arising from the proposed purchaser being the Council's retained consultant has been identified and managed.
8. Identify the policy or financial procedure under which the proposed disposal was undertaken.

Response

1. The two coaches are listed as a council asset. These coaches are still in council ownership so we cannot answer any of the other questions.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A
8. N/A