

From: Freedom of Information Requests

Sent: 02 July 2025 13:51

To:

Subject: FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 17 June 2025 for information about direct payments, prepaid cards, cash and voucher schemes. Please find attached City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Please be advised, some information is exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43 exempts information from the right of access under the Freedom of Information Act if disclosure of the information would prejudice someone's commercial interests. As the information requested is commercially sensitive financial data, the City of Doncaster Council believe disclosure of this information may be considered advantageous to competitors and would be likely to cause commercial prejudice to the parties involved.

As Section 43 is a qualified exemption, the City of Doncaster Council is obliged to consider whether disclosure of the information would be in the public interest before refusing to supply the information. Therefore the City of Doncaster Council has taken the following factors into account:

Factors for disclosing information

- To release the information would be in the spirit of openness and transparency in which the Council operates
- We recognise that decisions and plans should be open to accountability
- The information may be of interest to members of the public

Factors for withholding information

- Disclosure would be likely to adversely affect the parties' commercial interests as disclosure of the information may damage the relationship with the council
- Disclosure may weaken the position of the organisation in a competitive environment
- The information could be used by those competitors to gain a commercial advantage
- Parties involved have a reasonable expectation that these details would not be disclosed

Taking these factors into consideration, the City of Doncaster Council has decided that the reasons for withholding the information outweigh those for disclosing it and we will not be providing the information at this time.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £98 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,

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