

**EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE**

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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 03

**“I wish to know what Economic Assessment has been made for this funding allocation – I wish to make immediate FOI Act 2000 request for all supporting documentation relating to this decision including any submissions made by British Cycling”?**

**We hold the information requested. However, we are withholding some of the information because it is exempt as explained below. We have explained where we are withholding information and what exemptions apply. Please see the refusal notices at the end of the answers which explain how and why they apply.**

**As the race is in the future, an ex-post assessment has not been completed. A judgment has been made based on precedent of Nottinghamshire having hosted the race several times in recent years. A copy of the 2023 economic benefit assessment undertaken by the former race operator, is attached. This document was taken into consideration as part of the decision on hosting an East Midlands leg.**

**We have withheld parts of the presentation submitted by British Cycling Events under the absolute exemption in Section 41.**

***Section 41- Confidential Information***

**The presentation submitted by British Cycling Events contains their business and marketing strategies, plans and financial information. The commercially sensitive details are confidential and unique to the collaboration between British Cycling Events & the Combined County Authority. The disclosure of which would be a breach of confidence. Since the exemption is absolute, a Public Interest Test is not required.**

***Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests***

**While the information is confidential it also contains sensitive commercial information which when disclosed it has the potential to undermine or prejudice existing or future commercial interests of British Cycling Events including the public authority. This exemption requires us to consider the public interest in withholding the information.**

**The factors in favor of disclosing the information are:**

- That there is always a general public interest in transparency in the work of public bodies being transparent and open to scrutiny to increase diligence and to protect the public purse.**

- There is a public interest in promoting an understanding of the Authority's decisions. These may include exposing public impropriety, misconduct, illegality, or risks to the public.

The factors in favor of withholding the exemption are:

- The withheld information is not publicly known and that would give competitors an advantage if it were to become public. For example, to underbid the company in future competitions. The information is withheld to help to protect British Cycling 's competitive advantage.
- disclosure could hinder the future provision of financial information from suppliers that would adversely affect EMCCA's ability to achieve value for money in non-competitive procurement. This would impede EMCCA in the effective pursuit of its business.

Having considered these factors, we are satisfied that it is appropriate to provide you with part of the information.

We also hold a Decision Notice made for the funding allocation. However, in this case we will not be providing it to you as it is exempt from disclosure. Under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to provide information that is intended for future publication

*Section 22 - information that is intended for future publication.*

The Officer Decision Notice that was made to secure clearance to proceed with a provisional budget, contains provisional costings. Since the allocation was made based on provisional costs, we cannot provide the final costs due to planning being underway and there is a likelihood of further arrangements. Therefore, instead of publishing this provisional information, we will instead publish an impact assessment (or similar) with the final costs associated.

In line with the terms of this exemption in the Freedom of Information Act, we have also considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information ahead of publication, despite the exemption being applicable.

The factors in favour of disclosing the information are:

- disclosure may promote public confidence in the integrity of the procedures followed when making a decision
- it is in the public interest to know the actual associated costs allocated to a provider

The factors in favour of withholding the exemption are:

- We consider that the release of the Officer Decision Notice based on provisional costs would not be in the public interest. As there is a potential for further arrangements, it is in the public interest to disclose information that confirms the final costs and benefits.
- We have disclosed information which was used by the Combined authority as part of the assessment has been made for this funding allocation.
- The Officer Decision Notice which contains the provisional costs and the final costs will be published in the near future.

On balance we consider that the public interest lies in maintaining this exemption as the public interest in withholding the information is greater than in releasing it at this time.



I hope this satisfies your request.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may write to request an internal review. The internal review will be carried out by someone who did not make the original decision, and they will re-assess how the Department handled the original request.

If you wish to request an internal review, please write or send an email to the Information Governance Team within two months of the date of this letter, at the following address:

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. You can find further details on how to do this via Information Commissioner's Office website: [FOI and EIR complaints | ICO](#).

Regards

Information Governance Team

**East Midlands Combined County Authority**