

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Shire Hall Sale Data Room***

Agenda Item 7 of the Commercial & Investments Committee meeting of 14 December 2018 reports that a "data room" was set up by Strutt & Parker/BNP Paribas in connection with the sale of the Shire Hall site, and that 147 interested parties were granted access to it.

Could you please supply a copy of the data that the County Council provided for this data room, redacted if absolutely necessary.

Please find attached, in Appendices 1 to 12, copies of the documentation held in the Shire Hall data room. It should be made clear that the data store's central purpose is as a pool tool for bidders interested in the Shire Hall site, and not the general public. With this in mind, we have made the decision to withhold some information under the following exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 21 – Official copies of the plan and register of title for Shire Hall are publicly accessible by other means and, therefore are exempt under Section 21 (1). Copies of these are obtainable for a fee from the Land Registry.

Section 31 – More recent floor plans of Shire Hall and the Octagon are withheld under Section 31 (1)(a), regarding them as exempt due to aiding in the prevention or detection of crime. Disclosure of the floor plans could mean that, once made available in the public domain, individuals whose intent is to commit a criminal act, e.g. burglary, vandalism, etc. would find this advantageous in the conduct of criminal activity.

Section 38 – There are records relating to Asbestos. Disclosure of these records is exempt under Section 38 (1) as knowledge of the whereabouts of Asbestos could result in the endangerment of the physical health (S.38.1.a) or safety of any individual (S.38.1.b), were the intent by any individual be to disturb the Asbestos.

Section 40 – Disclosure of the personal data of Council staff into the public domain would be a breach of the first data protection principle, which is that individual's information is processed fairly and lawfully. Therefore, this information is being withheld under Section 40 (2) which states information is exempt from disclosure if it pertains to a third party (i.e. any individual who is not the requester).