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(CCC) Money received by the council by operators of the observation wheel on Parker's Piece

During 2021 an observation wheel was installed within the public open space on Parker's Piece.

Please would you let me know the amount of money earned by the council in exchange for use of the space, both for its main period in Summer/Autumn and then within the ice rink structure, separately.

(I am not referring to the standard planning application fee, which is a separate matter that is uncontroversial.)

Response

Some of the information you have requested is held, however the information you have requested is refused under the exemption to disclosure under Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

Releasing the figures into the public domain would provide unfair competitive advantage to potential providers/bidders of contracted services – (1) of an Ice Rink Event and also to future providers of (2) of a standalone observation wheel, of which there a few providers in existence around the country.

This is commercially sensitive because of the competitive advantage element described.

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk