

Public Interest Test

Request for FOI-11-607	
FOIA Exemption S.22 – Information intended for future publication.	
<i>Factors supporting disclosure</i>	<i>Factors supporting non-disclosure</i>
<p>There are limited public interest arguments in favour of disclosure of this information at the present time.</p>	<p>While disclosure could for example improve transparency in the operations of the ICB, those are felt better / best served once formal approvals by the Board have been granted – transparently at a meeting in public - to any draft plans presented to the Board. So there are greater public interest arguments <u>against</u> disclosure of this information at the present time. These arguments include that it is in the public interest to adhere to the existing publication process for official plans, usually performed for public transparency at Board meetings held in public. Which includes time for the information and data to be fully considered and officially approved, thereby properly verified by the key decision-makers (in view of the public) before being placed in the public domain.</p> <p>Public visibility of the Board papers some days in advance of those deliberations.as draft information is also felt to aid transparency of and integrity of decision-making. Rather than releasing a draft which might get changed at the in-public approvals stage.</p> <p>It is also in the public interest to ensure that the detailed planning information is available to all members of the public at</p>

	<p>the same time, and premature publication could undermine the principle of making the information available to all at the same time through the ICB's official publication process.</p> <p>On this occasion, we have concluded therefore that the balance of the public interest test falls in favour of withholding this information until Board papers publication and approval take place in due course.</p> <p>Further guidance can be found at: (Section 22)</p> <p>Guide to freedom of information ICO</p>
<p>Conclusion: there are compelling arguments which support withholding the information which outweigh those supporting release.</p> <p>PIT Members:</p> <p>Helen Dempsey, Director of Planning</p> <p>Date of Public Interest Test: 24th November 2023</p>	