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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 06

A list of all transactions over £500 made by the East Midlands Combined County Authority for March 2024 to August 2024. Specifically, I request the following details for each transaction:

- **Date of transaction**
- **Value of transaction**
- **Recipient of the transaction**
- **Procurement category (if available)**

We hold information the information you are seeking. However, it is exempt from disclosure because it is intended for future publication.

As this is not an absolute exemption, in line with the terms of this exemption under the Freedom of Information Act. We have 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 favor of disclosing the information are:

- **Disclosure under the FOIA would be consistent with the Government commitment to transparency.**
- **While a decision has been made to publish the report upon completion, a formal publication date has not yet been set.**

The factors in favor of withholding the exemption are:

- **The list of transactions is being prepared in a report for the East Midlands Combined Authority from a Shared system. It would therefore not be in the public interest for the report to be disclosed in advance of it being shared with the body for which it was commissioned.**
- **The report is not yet finalised, and it is not in the public interest to provide an interim version which could provide an inaccurate depiction of the transactions. Such report would not promote wider public understanding and may undermine the credibility of the final report.**
- **The information is due to be made public given its value and interest to a wide audience. The duplication of effort necessary for us to put together a disclosure where we are already working to get the information ready for wider publication. Is therefore not in the public interest to disclose such information to a small number of individuals in advance of wider publication.**



Having considered these factors, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 22 of the Act at this time, and that it is reasonable to do so.

At this juncture there is no timetable for publication of the list. The list will be published on our website: [Governance - East Midlands Combined County Authority \(eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk\)](http://eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk)

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:

Information Governance Team
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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