

## 62118 Details of the Settlement with DLA Piper

Please share documents pertaining to the settlement in Tram Litigation: CEC v DLA Piper Scotland LLP.

It is the Council's view that disclosure of any relevant documents would breach the terms and confidentiality of the Settlement Agreement between the parties.

While the Council acknowledges there is a public interest in the information requested, on balance, to release the documents (including the settlement figure) would prejudice substantially the Council's ability to enter and negotiate future settlement agreements

If the documents were to be made public, there is a likelihood that the future business dealings of DLA Piper may be placed in a less competitive position, as competitors would gain awareness of the commercial basis by which DLA Piper operates. The release of the documents would also prejudice the Council's ability to enter and negotiate future settlement agreements. This may result in the Council being in a weaker financial position to fulfil its duties and would undermine the Council's position.