65579 Passenger Transport Framework Agreement - Seven Sevens Cars Ltd.

Full statement of reason or a Gisted version of decision if sensitive information being shared.

Responding to this part of your request would require the Council to create information. The Council, as a Scottish public authority, is not required to create information to answer a request for information.

Any evidence you can share from Police Scotland – at previous licensing meeting the full intelligence report was made available and explained it was prepared behind a firewall to protect sources.

While the Council acknowledges the public interest in this matter, the Council is of the view that to release such evidence which has been provided by Police Scotland would not be in the public interest. If the Council were to disclose such information/evidence, it is likely that release would prejudice substantially Police Scotland's ability to gather further information in relation to this matter, as sources would be unlikely to volunteer information in the knowledge that said information may be disclosed to the public. Further, disclosure would be likely to substantially prejudice any case if Police Scotland were to present its findings to the Procurator Fiscal for litigation within the Courts.

Your risk policy to SOC (Serious and Organised Crime) and what risk the director poses?

The Council's Risk Management Policy is published on our policy register.

If any legal representative was present to help guide councillors.

A legal representative was present at the Finance and Resources Committee on 24/09/26 to provide guidance to Councillors.

Please clarify which clause you are reliant upon to terminate or 'run down' our provision of services.

The Council is not "running down" or terminating the appointment of Seven Sevens on the Passenger Transport Framework (the "Framework"). I refer to the Council's correspondence of 22/10/26, which provided that under the terms of the Framework, the Council has the sole discretion to engage with providers on the Framework as it sees fit. Paragraph 1.4 of the Specification for Lots 1, 2 and 3 provides that the award of contracts and allocation of routes is undertaken at the sole discretion of the Council. Furthermore, the Framework operates on a purchase order basis and there is no guarantee of work for providers. The Council is simply exercising its contractual rights to not engage Seven Sevens for the time being due to the concerns noted in our previous correspondence.

The Specification also provides that the Council may make variations by increasing, amending, decreasing, accelerating, deferring or abandoning all or any part of the Service. Therefore, it remains the Council's position that it is acting accordance with its contractual rights under the Framework by not engaging with Seven Sevens.