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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05326**

Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for your request for information relating to Ice Cream Van Tender at the Memorial Park.

You have requested the following information:

1) I was advised to apply online but unfortunately the link didn't work so could you please either email me full guidance or a paper application.

The concession for an ice cream van at Coventry Memorial Park is currently under contract. This expires in March 2020.

Future opportunities for tendering for ice cream van concessions will be advertised on our e-tendering portal – www.csw-jets.co.uk. By registering your business on the portal, you will be notified of related opportunities when they arise – you can then bid for the concession.

2) Could you also email me the past tender amounts for the previous 3 years.

Applications for Ice cream van tenders at various locations across the city, including the War Memorial Park are dealt with via the e-tendering portal as detailed above.

In respect of the information requested, the Council will not be making disclosure. Suppliers are requested to bid for the rights to the concession in a competitive process and we are of the view that by disclosing the amount bid by each tenderer, it would reduce the current concession holder's competitive advantage and would potentially prejudice the commercial

interests of both the Council and individual tendering organisations taking part in future processes and that Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged, where disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

In applying this exemption the Council has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. In the case of the above cited information, the Council considers that the public interest in withholding this information for the reasons cited outweighs the benefits of demonstrating openness and transparency of process at this stage.

The Council always seeks value for money and makes every effort to promote fair competition. However, the Council considers that by disclosing this information, by publishing the tenderers' bids, could lead to collusion in the market, depriving the public of best value and defeating the object of the fair competitive process.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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