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Request Summary:

Request for information relating to the financial and commercial arrangements between Castletown Town Commissioners and the tenant of the former Old Mortuary at Barracks Square, including lease arrangements, rental valuation, building costs and public expenditure associated with works to Barracks Square.

Outcome:

Partially Disclosed.

Information Released:

- Independent rental valuation information relating to the property.
- Information regarding public expenditure on resurfacing Barracks Square.
- Information relating to water supply renewal works and repairs to the adjoining party wall.
- Explanatory information regarding the purpose of the public realm improvement works.

Information Withheld / Not Provided:

The Authority withheld information relating to the lease agreement and associated commercial arrangements, concluding that disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Authority and other parties. The Authority also confirmed that certain building costs were met directly by the tenant and were therefore not information held by the Authority.

Exemptions / Provisions Applied:

- Section 30(2)(b) – Economy and Commercial Interests. Information relating to the lease agreement and commercial arrangements was withheld following consideration of the public interest test.

Additional Information:

The Authority considered the public interest test and concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosure. In reaching its decision, the Authority considered the potential impact on investor confidence, future regeneration projects and future commercial property tendering processes.

Final Outcome:

Information was partially disclosed. Information relating to public expenditure and rental valuation was provided, whilst lease and commercially sensitive information was withheld under Section 30(2)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2015 following a public interest assessment.