

To: Owen Boswarva

BY EMAIL: owen.boswarva@gmail.com

19 October 2023

Dear Owen,

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) dated 21 September 2023.

Request

You have requested:

"I would like to submit a new request under the Freedom of Information Act for some additional information.

This request is intended for both the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Improvement and Development Agency for local government (IDeA). I am happy to receive a joint response on behalf of both entities, but if there is any difference in the relevant information held by each entity please make that distinction clear.

The papers for the IDeA Company Board's meeting of 9 June 2021 include, for Agenda Item 7, a report about the Joint Inspection Team (JIT) that was established as a joint venture between MHCLG and the LGA. The report includes, as Appendix A, a draft revised indemnity and funding agreement.

This draft agreement, watermarked as "TRAVELLING DRAFT SECOND FUNDING + AGREEMENT 26.5.2021", was redacted entirely in your response to my previous FOI request, on the basis of various FOI exemptions.

Please provide the final version of this agreement, or the most recent draft version, currently held by the LGA and/or IDeA. My request for this information includes any annexes or appendices to the agreement."

Response

Please find attached the requested documents.

Some information has been redacted as it classifies as personal data. This information is being withheld under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as the information constitutes 3rd party personal data. Section 40(2) provides that personal data about third parties is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. Under the FOI Act disclosure of this information would breach the fair processing principle contained in the Data

Protection Act (DPA), where it would be unfair to that person or is confidential. The LGA is of the view that both these are met and releasing this information would breach the rights and freedoms of individuals referred to and as such is exempting this information.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response to your request and should be sent to the IT and Business Management Team at:

18 Smith Square
London
SW1P 3HZ
E-mail: foi@local.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

Email: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Kind regards,


Local Government Association