

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 October 2010 12:03
To: '[REDACTED]@dudley.gov.uk'
Subject: Re: Transparency - expenditure items over £500

Thanks for the update
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@dudley.gov.uk>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue Oct 05 11:45:25 2010
Subject: RE: Transparency - expenditure items over £500

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to let you know we are currently working on providing this information and I will add the link to the Local Directgov site as requested when completed.

Regards

[REDACTED]
ICT Officer, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Customer Services Consultancy Unit
Tel: ([REDACTED])

Dudley Website: - <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/>

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 01 October 2010 16:18
Subject: Transparency - expenditure items over £500

Hi,

I would like to draw your attention to the latest press release from Communities and Local Government on the subject of transparency entitled "More than sixty councils open books to armchair auditors" to be found at

www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom

I have also attached the full text as an attachment to this email.

<<transparency press release .doc>>

Can I ask that you:

- Take time to view our video on youtube
- Link to the content and share with your colleagues on the intranet
<http://bit.ly/dt71DZ>
- contact the LGA with any comments on the draft guidance.

And most importantly let us know when you have published your expenditure data on line by either updating Local Directgov directly (LGSL/AL 1465/8) or by dropping a line to

LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Best wishes

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Local Directgov Programme Manager
Communities and Local Government
Home & Community Franchise
Zone 7/F5, Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU

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From: localdir
Sent: 05 October 2010 13:07
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: £500 Local Authority spend
Hi [REDACTED]

The system is back up and running - any problems please let me know

cheers
[REDACTED]

From: localdir
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: £500 Local Authority spend

Hi [REDACTED]

The LDG admin system looks like it is down - I have reported this to our technical support team - I'll let you know when it is back up and running

cheers
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (mailto:[REDACTED]@wychavon.gov.uk)
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:27 AM
To: [REDACTED]-localdir
Subject: FW: £500 Local Authority spend

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm trying to update the Wychavon entry for '£500 Local Authority Spend' The current url has got a random 'A' character in the url which is resulting in a broken link. The correct url is:
<http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/cms/council-and-democracy/council-departments/procurement/creditors-payments-over-£500.aspx>

When I try to log-in to <https://admin.localdirect.gov.uk/LDGAdministration/> to update the link I'm getting a 'Page Can not be displayed' error.

Any ideas?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Web and New Media Officer
Wychavon District Council
Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive,
Pershore, Worcs. WR10 1PT
Tel: [REDACTED]
www.wychavon.gov.uk

From: localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsl.gov.uk]
Sent: 04 October 2010 11:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: £500 Local Authority spend

[Redacted]

You need to pass the link to your web portal officer [Redacted] wychavon.gov.uk and ask him to add the link into Local Directgov (ref. LGSL 1465/8) any problems let me know and I can upload on your behalf.

cheers

[Redacted]
Local Directgov

From: [Redacted] [mailto:[Redacted]@wychavon.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:28 AM
To: localdir
Subject: £500 Local Authority spend

Please could tell me how we add our £500 spend URL to the link below.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpen>

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

Strategic Procurement
Wychavon District Council
Civic Centre, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1PT

Te: [Redacted]
Mo: [Redacted]
e-mail: [Redacted]@wychavon.gov.uk

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From: localdir
Sent: 05 October 2010 13:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: localdir
Subject: RE: £500 Local Authority spend
Hi [REDACTED]

The page is updated weekly so your link be on there by the end of the week (we pass the information on to the team responsible for publishing that page on the DCLG website).

cheers

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@wychavon.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: localdir
Subject: RE: £500 Local Authority spend

Hi [REDACTED]
I've uploaded the correct link now, but I don't know how long it takes to populate this page:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/szexpenditu>

[REDACTED] Will it populate the link above automatically now it is updated in our Service Data?

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Web and New Media Officer
Wychavon District Council
Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive,
Pershore, Worcs, WR10 1PT
Tel: [REDACTED]
www.wychavon.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 October 2010 08:27
To: [REDACTED] LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: FW: £500 Local Authority spend

Hi [REDACTED]
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Any ideas?

[REDACTED]

101005 Bristol_RE FW Bristol City Council Financial Data.txt
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 October 2010 17:09
To: [REDACTED]
CC: 'Data.gov.UK Team'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Thank you, [REDACTED] Sorry, you are right, that one was still outstanding and I hadn't yet passed on to the data.gov.uk team.

I'll let you know once the details have been uploaded.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG
T: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
CC: 'Data.gov.UK Team'; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

[REDACTED]
That looks correct the only dataset that is missing is the one I sent last week attached.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
>>> [REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk> 05/10/2010
16:18 >>>
Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for forwarding the proforma for your £500 spend datasets, I'll pass on to the relevant section.

I've attached the other Bristol datasets which [REDACTED] and I have so far passed to data.gov.uk to list on the site - were there others? I'll check on the status of these and get back to you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG
T: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
CC: 'Data.gov.UK Team'
Subject: RE: Bristol City Council Financial Data

[REDACTED]
The September financial data over £500 data has now been released, please see attached metadata form with new url.

I have noticed that none of the datasets I have sent for the past few weeks have been added to the data.gov.uk site. Can you tell me how long it will take to update?

[Redacted]
Web and New Media Officer
Wychavon District Council
Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive,
Pershore, Wores, WR10 1PT
Tel: [Redacted]
www.wychavon.gov.uk

From: localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 04 October 2010 11:00
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: £500 Local Authority spend

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
You need to pass the link to your web portal officer [Redacted]
[Redacted] and ask him to add the link into Local Directgov (ref. LGSL 1465/8)
any problems let me know and I can upload on your behalf.

chee [Redacted]
[Redacted]
Local Directgov
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] [mailto:[Redacted]@wychavon.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:28 AM
To: localdir
Subject: £500 Local Authority spend

Please could tell me how we add our £500 spend URL to the link below.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]
Strategic Procurement
Wychavon District Council
Civic Centre, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1PT
Tel: [Redacted]
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Regards,

>>> [redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>
01/10/2010
09:05 >>>
Great thanks, Mark.

Regards,

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 8:56 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [redacted]

We are working on this at the moment and should be ready soon.

Regards,

>>> [redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>
30/09/2010
18:32 >>>
Hi [redacted]

Quick question, do you have a landing/open data page for the payments to supplier data please? Thanks.

Regards,

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 5:46 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [redacted]

Please see below the email I sent to [redacted] can you action this or should I send directly to the data.gov.uk team?

Kind Regards,

>>> [redacted] 30/09/2010 17:41 >>>
Hi [redacted]

Please find attached the Metadata for the Bristol City Council payments over £500 data and a couple of other data-sets.

There is a lot of interest in Bristol around the payments over £500 data can you give me an estimate of how long it will be before the link is available on data.gov.uk?

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Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Senior GIS Analyst
Bristol City Council
Central Support Services
B Bond 7th Floor
Smeaton Road
Bristol
BS1 6XN

Tel: [REDACTED]

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From: localdir
Sent: 06 October 2010 10:13
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Local Transparency
[redacted]

I confirm that the link you sent was added into the Local Directgov system on Monday and should be included in the list of authorities on the CLG website later this week (the transparency page on the CLG site is updated weekly)

cheers

[redacted]
Local Directgov

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@tendringdc.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:13 PM
To: localdir
Subject: Local Transparency

I write with regard to the list of authorities publishing data of spend over £500 that was recently included on the CLG website. I notice that Tendring District Council was not included. However we have been publishing data on spend over £500 and also information on salaries since August.

I have registered this with Data.gov.uk but it appears I should also have registered with yourself.

Could you please confirm that you have now registered that Tendring DC has been publishing this data since August as we are obviously keen to let it be known that we have sought to comply with the requirement as quickly as possible and have not waited until next January.

The link to the relevant page on our website is as follows:-

<http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/TendringDC/Council/Transparency/>

Regards

[redacted]
[redacted]
Head of Financial Services
Tendring District Council

Telephone: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@tendringdc.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Date: 17/09/2010 05:39
Subject: councils' payments over £500 (or a higher reasonable threshold?)

Can you inform me please, asap, (1) whether the required legislation to bring this (the above subject) in to being part of a Bill/Act in the near future (eg part of Localism etc Bill?) or to be the subject of a Statutory Instrument?

May I ask these related supplementary & necessary questions:

(2) When will such Draft legislation be published - and will there be a consultation period??

(3) Do you currently have the wording and if so, can you email me a copy please?
(We are desirous of knowing, for our consideration & planning, how prescriptive & detailed the Secretary of State intends to be on this subject)

Thanks in anticipation of your early reply,

[REDACTED]
Head of Accountancy Services & Deputy S151 Officer,
Hindburn Borough Council

[REDACTED]
[\[REDACTED\]@hindburnbc.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@hindburnbc.gov.uk)

Minister	TD.
Subject	Council Payments.
Official	Helena Rusby.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2010 10:39
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: council's payments to supplier etc of over £500
Attachments: Rich-Text-Format

Hi [REDACTED]

I think this is one for you to answer. It may have come to you already via TO.

[REDACTED] had previously responded on behalf of the council to the consultation on changing regs re disclosure of senior salaries in council's statement of accounts (SI was laid in Parliament last Dec) - part of the work that [REDACTED] and I had previously worked on within WPP which is why he has me as a contact.

Fred - to be aware in case you have yet to allocate this piece of corres which I assume will be on the TO email a/c.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gcsx.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 6:35 PM
Cc: [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk
Subject: council's payments to supplier etc of over £500

[REDACTED] I had your email address from a previous query which which you were concerned.

I've attached a copy of email I've sent very recently to contactus@communities.gov.uk (via DCLG website) but, respectfully, I'm not sure how long it will be before I get a specific response from the part or division of DCLG concerned.

I'm not aware of which division or to whom I should have sent the 3 related questions.

Could you possibly re-direct this email, and especially the attached copy, to the person who can respond?

Thanks for any help / info on this.

Kind Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Hyndburn BC, East Lancashire

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 5:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk
Cc: MPSTOCORRETEAM, [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: councils' payments over £500 (or a higher reasonable threshold?)

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. I apologise for the delay in responding and for any confusion caused by content on our website.

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I hope this is helpful

Regards

[REDACTED]
Communities & Local Government
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: CONTACTUS
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 5:54 PM
To: MPSTOCORRETEAM
Subject: FW: councils' payments over £500 (or a higher reasonable threshold?)

From: [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk [SMTP: [REDACTED]@HYNDBURNBC.GOV.UK]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 5:39:04 PM
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Subject: councils' payments over £500 (or a higher reasonable threshold?)
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Can you inform me please, asap, (1) whether the required legislation to bring this (the above subject) in is being part of a Bill/Act in the near future (eg part of Localism etc Bill?) or to be the subject of a Statutory Instrument?

May I ask these related supplementary & necessary questions:

(2) When will such Draft legislation be published - and will there be a consultation period??

(3) Do you currently have the wording and if so, can you email me a copy please?
(We are desirous of knowing, for our consideration & planning, how prescriptive & detailed the Secretary of State intends to be on this subject)

Thanks in anticipation of your early reply.

[REDACTED] CPFA
Head of Accountancy Services & Deputy S151 Officer,
Hyndburn Borough Council

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E [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2010 17:07
To: [REDACTED]@chorley.gov.uk
Cc: MPSTOCORRETEAM; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Transparency - Local government expenditure over £500
Dear [REDACTED]

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Regards

[REDACTED]
Communities & Local Government
[REDACTED]

From: CONTACTUS
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 11:14 AM
To: MPSTOCDORRETEAM
Subject: FW: Transparency - Local government expenditure over £500

From: [REDACTED] SMTP: [REDACTED]@CHORLEY GOV.UK
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 11:13:56 AM
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Transparency - Local government expenditure over £500
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Good morning,

With regard to the link below:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/>

Can you please advise when the guidance stated will be issued? Would the publication of such information via the Council's Publication Scheme be a suitable method of making the information available?

Regards

[REDACTED]
Information Manager
Chorley Council
DD: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2010 10:27
To: [REDACTED]@wirral.gov.uk'
Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'
Subject: RE: [Questions] Publishing Data
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the notification that Wirral Borough are now publishing supplier payments over £500 in CSV format. I will pass this information on to the data.gov.uk and CLG webteams and others to update their records and websites.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
3/14 Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 6DU
Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]@wirral.gov.uk>
Date: Tue, Oct 5, 2010 at 11:48 AM
Subject: [Questions] Publishing Data
To: [REDACTED]team@data.gov.uk

[REDACTED] sent a message using the contact form at <http://data.gov.uk/contact>.

Dear Sir / Madam

Please be advised that Wirral Borough Council is now publishing all supplier payments over £500 in CSV format at: <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/council-and-democracy/budgets-and-spending/supplier-payments>

Please could you include us in your list of organisations publishing data.

Kind regards

Andrea

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Leader of the City Council
Brighton & Hove City Council
King's House
Grand Avenue
Hove BN3 2LS

The Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles
Secretary of State for Communities & Local
Government
Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU

Date: 7 October 2010
Our Ref: MM/jeh
Your Ref:
Phone: (01273) 291011
Fax:
e-mail: mary.mears@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Dear Eric,

Publishing Council Spending over £500.00

I note your comments in relation to the LGA's recently published advice about how best to publish information regarding council spending over £500.00.

We have no desire to be thought of as 'lagging behind' and I am sure our residents will be interested to see how we have been managing their taxes. We pride ourselves on being an innovative and forward thinking Administration and details of our spending will be online by the end of the month.

Best wishes,

Mary Mears
Leader, Brighton & Hove City Council

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Visit my blog pages at: www.brighton-hove-councillors.org.uk/marymearsblog

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 October 2010 12:19
To: [redacted]@corby.gov.uk
Cc: [redacted], Hulya Mustafa, [redacted] MPSTOCORRETEAM
Subject: RE: Council spending over £500

Attachments: timeline.JPG

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the new timeline of councils publishing expenditure over £500 on the CLG website. With apologies for any confusion or misunderstanding caused by the website but I can confirm that Corby is indeed on the timeline, please find attached a screenshot confirming their position on the timeline. The dates currently being used are when CLG published the councils' urls.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

From: [redacted]mailto:[redacted]@corby.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 8:24 AM
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Subject: Council spending over £500


Hi guys

I notice that you have published a timeline of councils who have published expenditure over £500 here: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/timeline/>
This looks very impressive yet I was disappointed not to see my Council shown on this especially as you have listed it as one of the Councils in the East Midlands who have done this - see here: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/eastmidland/>

Can you explain this discrepancy?

Cheers

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Corby Borough Council
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 October 2010 09:45
To: [redacted]@eastriding.gov.uk
Cc: [redacted]@team@data.gov.uk
Subject: RE: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email.

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Regards

[redacted]
Communities & Local Government
0303 444 3522

----- Forwarded message -----
From: [redacted]@eastriding.gov.uk
Date: Wed, Sep 22, 2010 at 3:35 PM
Subject: Re: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
To: team@data.gov.uk

Sorry to labour the point. But is the draft guidance you quote below the actual draft guidance issued on behalf of the DCLG or are the DCLG going to publish something themselves?

Thanks

[redacted]
Principal Accountant
Financial Reporting [BF67]
Finance Services
Corporate Resources
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Ext: [redacted]
Tel: [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@eastriding.gov.uk

"Data.gov.uk Team" <team@data.gov.uk>

"Data.gov.uk Team" <team@data.gov.uk>
cc: [redacted]@eastriding.gov.uk
Subject: Re: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
22/09/2010 15:31

H [redacted]

Thanks for getting in touch with data.gov.uk.

The latest guidance, in draft format, can be found at the following location:
<http://data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance>

I hope that this is of some assistance, please let us know if we can be of any additional help.

Best regards,

The data.gov.uk team

On Fri, Sep 17, 2010 at 3:57 PM, [REDACTED]@eastriding.gov.uk> wrote:

Message from [REDACTED] Principal Accountant
[REDACTED]@eastriding.gov.uk>

Subject : DCLG Guidance on publishing details over £500

Message:

Do you know when the DCLG will be publishing their guidance?

You can change your settings at <http://data.gov.uk/users/local-data-panel>.

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From: localdir
Sent: 06 October 2010 16:21
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Updating service list
Hi [REDACTED]

I've added this link into Local Directgov.

cheers

[REDACTED]
Local Directgov

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 2:51 PM
To: localdir
Subject: Updating service list

Dear Local Direct Gov

I have tried unsuccessfully to add a new service to the AVDC list. The service is:
828/8: Find out about council contracts and tenders over £500
and the link is:
<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/business/selling-avdc/contracts-register/>

Is it possible for you to update it for me?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Snr Communications Officer
Aylesbury Vale District Council
The Gateway
Gatehouse Road
Aylesbury
HP19 8FF

[REDACTED]
visit our website: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

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From: Hülya Mustafa
Sent: 07 October 2010 18:52
To: [REDACTED]@northamptonshire.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Disappointing transparency timeline

Attachments: timeline.JPG

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the new timeline of councils publishing expenditure over £500 on the CLG website - the CONTACTUS team forwarded it to me to answer in a nicely circular way.

I am sorry about any confusion or misunderstanding caused by the website but having spoken to our webteam, I can assure you that Northamptonshire is indeed on the timeline (see attached screenshot). The dates currently being used are when CLG published the councils' urls and we are currently reviewing this element of the timeline, as we realise it is not ideal. You are also not the first council unable to find themselves, which is of course an issue.



timeline.JPG (127 KB)

I'm sorry you are frustrated by the profile your efforts are being given. In fact we are desperate to hear of good case studies where data/ info is being USED for Big Society ends, and if you don't mind, I am going to ask the teams leading that to get in touch with you ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from a policy point of view and [REDACTED] from a comms perspective).

Best wishes, and please don't let the timeline put you off writing to us - we are very much victims of our own 'get it out quickly, get it out messy' mantra.

Hülya

From: [REDACTED]mailto:[REDACTED]@northamptonshire.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:14 PM
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Subject: Dissappointing trasparency timeline

Folks - it's a great shame that when you have come to see us, we've held conferences on transparency etc, and yet you haven't put us on your timeline, when we were one of the first (if not the first) county council to do this. Quite frankly I get slightly upset of Northants leading the way on everything from the largest public sector shared services venture (just in case you didn't know I even share my finance HR, legal and Ops directors with Cambs CC), to the highest number of personalised budgets for elderly and

the first to publish actual salaries and spend over £500. Oh and by this way we hosted a Big Society conference for over 280 people this Saturday, discussing what it meant for Northamptonshire. Of course we did get very positive coverage from Panorama for our customer consultation 'YouChoose' process around election time but even the LGA has stolen that this week, albeit they stole our 'My Council' concept and our corporate logos previously (albeit they did actually credit it us for that).

I will be very glad when our reputation catches up with the reality of us being one of the most innovative councils in the country. Fair cop we were pretty average about 5 years ago. I know we started our transparency journey before Eric got in to post (last April in fact), but that is no reason why you can't start the timeline before a Minister speaks because we are invariably ahead... I could show you my last year's corporate strategy map (developed in 2008) that showed we needed to be excellent at "building social capital" and "developing local communities"... but then big society and localism are key which is why we were glad the coalition agreed with us the following year.

Hey ho... as long as my customers and communities are happy! It would just be nice to be credited occasionally by our own Government department.

Finally I attach a very nice letter from Hulya Mustafa, which we genuinely did appreciate, hence my somewhat late evening response when I just looked at your timeline. Please take it in the tongue in cheek way I wrote it.

Best wishes

Paul

Dr Paul Blantern

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2010 13:47
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Transparency in Local Authorities
Dear [REDACTED]

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I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@scilly.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 2:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Transparency in Local Authorities

Could you please confirm whether Local Authorities are obligated to publish tenders and contracts over the threshold of £500 in the new year? Early guidance stated so, but now I am not sure as other guidance says not. If this is the case are we to publish the whole of the ITT and contract or just a summary of. I can understand the advertisements being made public but am slightly concerned about publishing the full documentation.


Thank you

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2010 16:31
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Local Data Panel

I can appreciate the confusion. I understand the intent behind use of 'mandatory' is more about 'minimum requirements', though it may be worth clarifying as part of the consultation. The doc has no statutory force, as I would understand by 'mandatory'. I believe the intention was to provide guides covering £500, salary information, with a further plan to cover off contracts / tenders. Tim Allen is a contact at LGA who should be able to advise further on their plans.

Hope this is helpful.

[REDACTED]
Communities & Local Government
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@stedsbcc.gcsx.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2010 2:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Local Data Panel

Thanks for your email.

The draft guidance published by the Local Public Data Panel uses the term 'mandatory', hence I asked the question about mandatory guidance.

I'm just a bit confused as to why two pieces of guidance have been produced (or are they the same)?

Can you clarify?

Regards

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 07 October 2010 09:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: team@data.gov.uk; [REDACTED]
Subject: Local Data Panel

Dear [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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Subject: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
To: localdatapanel@data.gov.uk

Message from Davina Howes [REDACTED]@stedshc.gov.uk>

Subject : Local Spending Data Guidance

Message:

Could you confirm the status of this guidance? Will it become statutory? It seems odd that we are being encouraged to provide local solutions and improve efficiency, yet we are being sent guidance which sets out 'mandatory' actions.

I look forward to some clarification

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2010 13:48
To: [REDACTED]@stroud.gov.uk; 'localdatapanel@data.gov.uk'
Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'
Subject: RE: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel

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Kind regards,

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From: team@data.gov.uk [mailto:team@data.gov.uk] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]@stroud.gov.uk
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 2:53 PM
To: localdatapanel@data.gov.uk
Subject: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel

Message from [REDACTED]@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject : Publication of contract and procurement informatio

Message:

Your recommendations re publication of procurement information includes the following:

"Councils have also been told they are expected to start publishing new contract and procurement information from Jan 2011"

where can I find detailed guidance about what is required?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 October 2010 16:03
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@alford.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Publishing Spend over £500
Dear Ken,


Further to our telephone conversation,

Once you have published your data you will need to inform Directgov either by updating Local Directgov directly (LGSU/TL 1485/8) your webteam should be able to do this or by dropping a line to LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk

They will then link your data to data.gov.uk

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Data Transparency: Local Government & Economic Growth | 3/114 Eland House

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101013 kent.txt

From: localdir
Sent: 13 October 2010 09:59
To: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Kent County Council - how we spend your money

Hi [REDACTED]

We pass on a list of all the councils who have provided links via Local Directgov to the transparency team in DCLG on a weekly basis. Last weeks list was sent on Wednesday and I think your entry just missed by a couple of hours. It should be added this week providing the transparency team are happy to include your link as it is currently only a partial picture of the council's expenditure.

I'll check with the DCLG web team later in the week to confirm whether you are indeed on the list and let you know.

In the meantime you can always provide your Leader with the DG postcode search page to prove that you have submitted the page to Local Directgov.

Cheers

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2010 4:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk; localdir
Cc: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Kent County Council - how we spend your money

Further to email below, I've just been asked to draft a reply to an email to our Leader from someone asking why Kent is not yet publishing its information (on the basis of this website), so it's really important that it's clear that Kent is!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] - CED
Sent: 12 October 2010 14:47
To: localdir
Cc: [REDACTED] - CED Communications & Media Centre
Subject: RE: Kent County Council - how we spend your money

Although I got through to the kent.gov link when I typed in the postcode, Kent still doesn't seem to appear on the list of councils that are publishing information - am I missing something?

-----Original Message-----

From: localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 October 2010 10:26
To: [REDACTED] CED; localdir; [REDACTED] - CED Communications & Media Centre
Subject: RE: Kent County Council - how we spend your money

Hi [REDACTED]

We have separate services set up in Local Directgov for expenditure over £500 and contacts & tenders over £500 and have requested a new service ID for salaries this will enable users to get to the specific data via the quickest route so yes we would prefer the £500 spend link rather than the general transparency page.

Cheers

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:18 AM
To: localdir; [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Kent County Council - how we spend your money
Importance: High

Thanks [REDACTED]

the only thing about going straight to the £500 is that that is only one element of transparency and we're also publishing other information about how we spend taxpayers' money - wouldn't it be better to have the link to the Council Spending page from which people can either click on £500 invoices, or salaries and expenses, or other information? If your website is only about the invoices over £500 then the link you suggest is best.

[REDACTED] can you please liaise with [REDACTED] and agree which link to use.

-----Original Message-----

From: localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 October 2010 09:54
To: [REDACTED] CED
Cc: [REDACTED] - Group Managing Director
Subject: RE: Kent County Council - how we spend your money

Hi [REDACTED]

The link you gave me goes to your home page - I have done a search on your site for "how we spend your money" and found the following page:
http://kent.gov.uk/news_and_events/news_archive/how_we_spend_your_money.aspx
but this appears to be a news article.

We will need a link to a page which links directly to the spend data so I suggest we use the following page:
http://kent.gov.uk/your_council/council_spending/invoices_over_500_pounds.aspx

You should ask your web portal officer [REDACTED] to add this link to Local Directgov (LGS1465/8) and if she does this today you should have your link added to the timeline at the end of this week.

If you or rather Tracey have any problems loading the link then please let me know and I will do it on your behalf.

cheers

[REDACTED]
Local Directgov

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 7:18 AM
To: localdir
Cc: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Kent County Council - how we spend your money

Further to my email below, can you let me know when Kent County Council will be added to the Local Government Timeline, please.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] CED
Sent: 04 October 2010 22:42
To: LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED] - CED; [REDACTED] CED Head of Communications & Media Centre
Subject: Kent County Council - how we spend your money

http://kent.gov.uk/#aurosTab3

Further to your email to Chief Executives earlier today, we wanted to inform you that Kent County Council started publishing invoices over £500 (being phased in) and senior salaries, expenses and related information on 23rd September - hopefully the link above will take you straight to the "How we spend your money" page. Please let me know if you need any further information at this stage.

Thanks

[Redacted]
Head of Strategic Policy
Kent County Council
[Redacted]

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FOR INFO
ONLY

HUYA MUSTAMA

13th October 2010

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
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Eland House
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London
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Dear Grant

Further to your letter of 5th October I am sure you will be pleased to hear that we have already put all spending over £500 on our website. We have over the past several years published Councillors allowances and job vacancies on the County Council's public website. Information on salaries will be added shortly although this will be as a banding rather than an individual.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

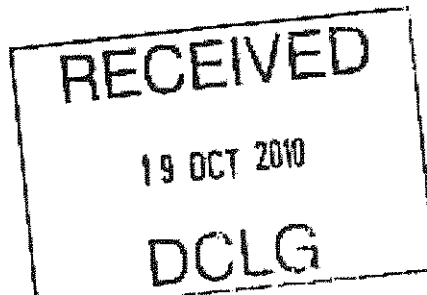
[REDACTED]

Very good wishes to you.

Yours sincerely

Kay

Councillor Mrs K Cutts
Leader of the County Council



101013 LBHF Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments.txt
From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@lbhf.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 October 2010 12:48
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments

Thanks [redacted]

Just an idea but the Government is proposing to set up a Procurement Portal for publicising tendering opportunities in line with the Glover requirements. (Do we know when this is taking place). Is there anyway this can be used to automatically download the contract and tender requirements for transparency purposes. It might save a lot of time and effort. London is also proposing a similar portal so could possibly mirror this.

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Head of Procurement
Procurement & IT Strategy
Finance and Corporate Services
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
Director: Jane West

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E-mail: [redacted]@lbhf.gov.uk
website: www.lbhf.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 October 2010 12:31
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments

[redacted]
The guidance is still in draft form and therefore any comments put forward will be taken on board prior to final publication in November.

In addition to the Panel's guidance, the Local Government Association has published a draft practitioners' guide, which offers concrete advice to councils on how they should follow the Local Public Data Panel's guidance in publishing their spending and salaries data. You can read and comment on it here - <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/>

Guidance on contracts for local government will be based on central government to be published shortly. LGA and partners are currently looking at how this guidance will apply to councils so we would expect them to take on board the principles, and then tailor to address the different needs/systems of councils. Once finalized, locally focused draft guidance on contracts and tenders will be published for consultation. So it's a case of watch this space at the moment - everyone has been very much focussed on the £500 spend guidance and salaries.

Hope this helps.

[redacted]
rs: contact details are [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@lbhf.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 11:05 AM

101013_LBHF_Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments.txt

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: West Jane; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments

[REDACTED]
Having quickly glanced through the current version of the guidance on the link below, it appears that our comments (including concerns about fraud) have not been taken on board - is this because it will be done when the final guidance is agreed and issued?

Secondly when it is intended to issue guidance on salaries and contracts?

Happy to discuss. I did try calling but have no contact number for you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]
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Procurement & IT Strategy
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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 11 October 2010 13:48
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: West Jane, [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments

Dear [REDACTED]

The issue of fraud has been brought to our attention by another LA and we will be taking it on board.

The guidance went out for wider consultation on 1 October (see link below). The intention is to publish final guidance in November.

Produced by the Local Public Data Panel, is available for comment on the data.gov.uk blog at www.data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance (external link).

The Local Government Group has also published a draft practitioners' guide, which offers concrete advice to councils on how they should publish spending and salaries data. You can read and comment at <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/> (external link).

Best wishes

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@lbhf.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 10:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: West Jane; [REDACTED]

101013_LBHF_Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments.txt
Subject: RE: Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments

Dear [REDACTED]

Just a further follow up to see where we are on the guidance. Has it now been updated and at what stage is consultation planned?

You will recall that one of the concerns raised by London Treasurers was the possibility of fraud. I detail below a recent excerpt from an email alert sent to other Councils regarding the actual experience of one council which illustrates the problem.

"As you will be aware, councils are being encouraged to provide information on spend with suppliers over £500 per month by listing this and providing information about it on their websites in support of greater transparency. Today I had a discussion with our Head of Finance, and feel I need to advise you so you can share this with colleagues. Our Finance Service received a letter purporting to be from Willmott Dixon, one of our major suppliers, with information on their change of bank details. The letter is fraudulent. Had we followed the instructions rather than being suspicious of this, the payment of several million would have gone to the account specified and been lost. Apparently a number of other authorities have also experienced a similar fraud recently. If you intend to publish details of your spend can I suggest that you consider very carefully what you include in this - or any other list of financial information. This letter even had the supplier code, making it appear authentic. This may also be something your authority would like to raise with the ICO and with the Government. Transparency is all very well, but not if it leads to a serious rise in levels of fraud".

Have you taken on board these concerns in updated guidance? I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]
Head of Procurement
Procurement & IT Strategy
Finance and Corporate Services
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
Director: Jane West

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E-mail: [REDACTED]@f.gov.uk
Website: www.lbhf.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2010 09:49
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: west.jane@[REDACTED]
Subject: Local Spending Data Guidance - Comments

Dear [REDACTED]

<< File: LBHF + KC Comments 17-9-10.doc >> Thank you for providing us with the opportunity of providing comments on your draft guidance. Our general comments are outlined below and I have also attached your guidance with specific comments listed.

As promised, there have been informal discussions with a number of boroughs at Director of Finance level about the guidance and the following points and concerns were raised:

* It should be remembered that the public already have the right to examine all financial records at a local authority during the inspection period each summer

* The level of detail being requested increases significantly the possibility of fraud eg the quantity of data being required would easily allow a fraudster to pose as a legitimate company eg VAT number, company number

* Has the Audit Commission's NFI unit been consulted?

* This must not be developed into an industry creating unproductive activity within local authorities

* we have concerns about the Data Protection rights of sole traders. Has CLG taken advice on this? If it is a DP issue, it shouldn't be in the guidance (although we accept we will still have to take our own advice even if CLG believe it is legal).

* All IT systems are set up differently at the moment and many will not be able to meet the requirements in the short term

* For 1 April 2011, the requirements should be at an absolute minimum, with maybe a pathway set out for future additional requirements (but still at a minimum - the current guidance is too prescriptive)

* we need to stand back and question what the public will feel is useful. The current proposals run the risk of obliterating the wood for the trees. Have the public been consulted?

* Revising IT systems to generate this information will be very costly, as will running the systems and answering the queries generated

* Have the CBI and Chamber of Commerce been consulted as this will open up their members for scrutiny as much as local authorities?

I look forward to receiving your comments and would be happy to discuss further.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 October 2010 12:06
To: [REDACTED]@hants.gov.uk
Cc: 'localdatapanel@data.gov.uk'
Subject: RE: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email with apologies for the delay in replying.

The accountability of schools (including maintained schools, academies and free schools) and the role of local authorities might have in school accountability is being considered as part of the spending review within the Department for Education. As soon as an approach has been agreed interested parties will be informed.

I have passed you second comment point to the Panel for their consideration in reviewing the draft guidance and will forward any response I receive.

In addition to the Panel's guidance, the Local Government Association has published a draft practitioners' guide, which offers concrete advice to councils on how they should follow the Local Public Data Panel's guidance in publishing their spending and salaries data. You can read and comment on it here - <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/>.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: team@data.gov.uk [mailto:team@data.gov.uk] On Behalf of [REDACTED]@hants.gov.uk
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 4:35 PM
To: localdatapanel@data.gov.uk
Subject: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel

Message from [REDACTED]@hants.gov.uk>

Subject : Transparency - Payments over £500

Message:

Some clarification please.

1. Is it anticipated that local authority schools will be required to publish this data either now or in the near future? Some authorities process and maintain school transactions and accounts within the books of the local authority as an integral part of the accounts of the authority. In these cases, should the school related transactions be included in the published data of the local authority?

2. "Service charge element of pension contributions" is not recognised as a common description of a type of expenditure. Is this an alternative to the more usual "Employers Pension Contribution"?

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If answering these points is outside your remit, please pass them on to someone who can provide the requested advice.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 October 2010 17:37
To: [REDACTED]@rbk.kingston.gov.uk
Subject: FW: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston
try again

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 5:35 PM
To: [REDACTED] DIRECTGOV HERCULES HOUSE
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston

Dear [REDACTED]

Hi, I have updated your link for expenditure items over £500, it should be picked up on the Communities web site by Friday.

regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Local Directgov Programme Manager
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From: DIRECTGOV Media Team [mailto:MEDIA.TEAM@DIRECTGOV.GSI.GOV.UK]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 2:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston

Hi [REDACTED]

Are you able to point Jack (below) in the right direction?

Cheers

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@rbk.kingston.gov.uk]
Sent: 18 October 2010 13:23
To: DIRECTGOV Media Team
Subject: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston

Hi there,

Can you advise me please?

The link below is to Authorities that have published expenditure over £500.
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

the page states that the information came via Local Directgov – Can I therefore ask how we can ensure that a link is created to the details Kingston has published on its website, at:

http://www.kingston.gov.uk/information/your_council/financial_information/payments_to_suppliers.htm

My thanks in anticipation.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Media Office Manager,
The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
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From: localdir
Sent: 18 October 2010 14:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Transparency information on publication of invoices over £500
Hi Peter,

I was about to add the link but Carl has got to me first and loaded it earlier today.

cheers

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@babergh.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 11:57 AM
To: localdir
Subject: RE: Transparency Information on publication of invoices over £500

[REDACTED]

As [REDACTED] in the office today would it be possible for you to add the link for me.

For Babergh District Council the link is

<http://www.babergh.gov.uk/Babergh/Home/About+Us/Transparency+in+the+Council/>

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Corporate Improvement and Information Manager
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Telephone: [REDACTED]
Fax 01473 823594
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web: www.babergh.gov.uk
twitter: <http://twitter.com/BaberghDistrict>

From: localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 18 October 2010 09:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: transparency information on publication of invoices over £500

[REDACTED]

You need to give the link to your Local Directgov web portal officer - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@babergh.gov.uk and ask him to add it to our system against service number LGSL 1465/ LGIL B - any problems with then then let me know and I'll load the link into the system on your behalf

cheers

[REDACTED]

Local Directgov

From: [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]@babergh.gov.uk)
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 8:56 AM
To: localdr
Subject: Transparency Information on publication of Invoices over £500

My query is regard to registering the relevant link on the Babergh District Council website for the page containing information on invoices over £500.

Can you advise as the correct procedure ?

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@rbk.kingston.gov.uk]
Sent: 19 October 2010 08:13
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston
Thanks [REDACTED] much appreciated.

Best regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Media Office Manager,
The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU.
Telephone - [REDACTED]
Fax - 020 8547 5012

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 18 October 2010 17:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston

try again

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 5:35 PM
To: [REDACTED] DIRECTGOV HERCULES HOUSE
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston

Dear [REDACTED]

Hi. I have updated your link. for expenditure items over £500, it should be picked up on the Communities web site by Friday.

regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Local Directgov Programme Manager
Communities and Local Government
Home & Community Franchise
Zone 7/F5, Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU

Tel: [REDACTED]
Mob: [REDACTED]
Fax: 020 7944 6937

From: DIRECTGOV Media Team [mailto:MEDIA.TEAM@DIRECTGOV.GSI.GOV.UK]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 2:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston

Hi [REDACTED]

Are you able to point [REDACTED] (below) in the right direction?

Cheers

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@rbk.kingston.gov.uk]
Sent: 18 October 2010 13:23
To: DIRECTGOV Media Team
Subject: Publishing spend over £500 - Kingston

Hi there,

Can you advise me please?

The link below is to Authorities that have published expenditure over £500.
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

the page states that the information came via Local Directgov – Can I therefore ask how we can ensure that a link is created to the details Kingston has published on its website, at:

http://www.kingston.gov.uk/information/your_council/financial_information/payments_to_suppliers.htm

My thanks in anticipation.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Media Office Manager,
The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU.

Telephone [REDACTED]
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101019 Brighton and Hove_data.gov.uk Local Data Panel.txt

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2010 11:01
To: [REDACTED]@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Cc: 'localdatapanel@data.gov.uk'
Subject: RE: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail and for your comments on the Local Public Data Panel's draft local spending guidance. I have forwarded your feedback to the Panel for their consideration when reviewing the guidance.

You are probably also aware that the Local Government Association has published a draft practitioners' guide, you can read and comment on it at this link <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/>.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
3/H4 Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU
Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: team@data.gov.uk [mailto:team@data.gov.uk] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 3:08 PM
To: localdatapanel@data.gov.uk
Subject: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel

Message from [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject : Publishing local authority spend data over £500

Message:

Dear Local Data Panel,
I would like to respond to the draft Local Spending Data Guidance on behalf of Brighton & Hove City Council.

Audit Concerns

Our Audit department have raised a concern with publishing supplier IDs and VAT numbers. There has been a recent increase in attempts to fraudulently change the bank account information on suppliers. If the supplier ID in particular is in the public domain along with amounts paid to the supplier and the VAT number, it is likely that rogue individuals will be more tempted to attempt to get bank account information fraudulently changed.

Non-supplier Payments to Individuals

We make payments to a variety of individuals including:

- Payments to various individuals for expenses incurred
- Refunds to staff for costs
- Transfer incentive payments
- Trust fund awards
- Council Tax refunds
- Bike and bus pass loans to staff
- Housing rent refunds

Can you confirm whether these ought to be published, and if so whether we ought to redact the names of the individuals.

Salary Deductions

Payments deducted from salaries and paid to other bodies, such as:

- Union payments
- Charity payments
- Child Support Agency
- Credit Unions
- Pension schemes

Can you confirm whether these ought to be published.

Supplier List

Can you give more information on how we should publish a separate supplier list, and what the use of this would be. What information should this contain that is not on the payments lists? Should this list cover only those suppliers that feature on the published data? If so, this will need updating every month with new or amended suppliers, which adds significantly to the work involved.

Journals & corrections

Can you give more information about publishing journals and corrections. What format ought this to be in? Should this include re-coding of creditors transactions? Should it include standard accounting journals? Should it include cancellations of payments, such as unbanked out-of-date cheques? Again this could significantly increase the amount of work involved, and will probably be of negligible interest to the general public.

Invoice Numbers

Publishing invoice numbers will greatly increase the likelihood of identifying vulnerable individuals. If we are paying a care home, for example, we quote the individual's surname on the invoice number. Whilst publishing the payment number, the supplier name and the amount does not identify the individual, publishing the invoice number would do. There would be no obvious way to identify which invoice numbers to redact to prevent this happening. Please could you clarify how you intend for this to work.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 19 October 2010 10:49
 To: [REDACTED]@northtyneside.gov.uk'
 Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'
 Subject: RE: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
 Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry and I apologise for the delay in replying.

The Local Public Data Panel's guidance is for comment and I have forwarded yours on to them for their consideration in reviewing the guidance, views can also be placed direct on their blog at this link data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance. You are probably also aware that the Local Government Association has published a draft practitioners' guide, you can read and comment on it at this link <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/>.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
 Local Government & Economic Growth
 Department for Communities & Local Government
 3,114 Eland House
 Bressenden Place
 London SW1E 5DU
 Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]@northtyneside.gov.uk>
 Date: Wed, Sep 29, 2010 at 11:27 AM
 Subject: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
 To: localdatapanel@data.gov.uk

Message from [REDACTED]@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject : CSV file and data extraction

Message:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm working with colleagues in finance and ICT to produce automated extracts from our financial system so that it can be published.

They have a number of questions regarding your guidance and how to turn them into simple rules to generate the extract.

Some invoices, such as those related to gas, will be split across different service areas. In the electronic system each service area is listed individually as a separate item. Should they list each line to enable them to attribute the cost to the appropriate area of the council?

Similarly some invoices relate to purchases of a load of small items for a single service, for example catering supplies. Should they also list every individual item for the invoice?

Thank you in advance for any assistance.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 October 2010 10:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: transparency
[REDACTED]

At this stage a Code of Practice has not been published, however this is one of the options the Secretary of State will be considering in the future. In the meantime though the LGA has produced draft guidance (consultation closed yesterday IIRC) on £500 payments, contracts and tenders - see link below.

<http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/>

The Local Public Data Panel has also published draft guidance on £500 payments, both are very similar - see link below.

<http://data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance>

Hope this helps but if you have any further queries let me know.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | Communities and Local Government

Local Authority Transparency | Digital Delivery and Transparency Division

Communities and Local Government | Eland House | Zone 3/34 | Bressenden Place | London | SW1E 5DU

To: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@york.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 10:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: transparency

[REDACTED]
I have a meeting on this at 12pm. Would it be possible to discuss before then?

Many thanks in advance.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Commercial Solicitor
City of York Council

Tel: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]@york.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 20 October 2010 08:53
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: transparency

[REDACTED]

Grateful if you could reply to Emma please.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (mailto:[REDACTED]@york.gov.uk)
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 5:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: transparency

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this, its very helpful.

[REDACTED] action 5 refers to the publication of a "Code of Practice on £500 payments, contracts and tenders". Has this guidance been published? If so, please could you provide a copy for my information. Please also confirm who will be the publishing authority.

York wish to put place appropriate procedure so as to comply with the Code of Practice. I am in the process of amending our standard contractual terms and conditions so that contractors etc are made aware of our intention to publish this data. Preferably, I want to give details of the relevant Code of Practice and refer to its publishing authority.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Commercial Solicitor
City of York Council

Tel: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]@york.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
[mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 19 October 2010 16:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: transparency

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the phone call earlier about the transparency issues arising out of structural reforms and the expectations for local authorities. I've attached below CLG's Structural Reform Plan so you can see what we have said about transparency. In particular you might want to look at action 5.3 and 5.4 on page 11 which refer to preparing local authorities for publication of spend, contracts and tenders over £500 and job titles and salaries above

SCS Pay Band 1.

You might also be interested to look at the relevant bit of our website, at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/>, which has a range of information about transparency on it.

If you then have specific questions, you might want to contact [REDACTED] (cc'd above), who works on transparency including issues around spend and data transparency and who will be able to help or point you in the right direction.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
<<100709 CLG srp.pdf>>

[REDACTED]
Structural Reform Plan Team
Programme Team
CLG
Zone 6/H6
Eland House
Bressenden Place
London
SW1E 6DU

T [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 October 2010 10:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will be able to confirm when the data.gov.uk site will be updated with the Bristol data.

Could you please send us the link to your data holding page and I will arrange for Bristol to be listed on the CLG page as well. Alternatively, if you are familiar with it, you may update Local Directgov directly (LGSL/IL 1465/8) or by dropping a line to LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG
T: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 3:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Data.gov.uk Team; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [REDACTED]

We now believe that all our issues around opening the CSV files have been resolved now. Please can you check on the status of when the Bristol data will be put on the data.gov.uk site?

I have been asked question about when Bristol will be listed on <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/> as a council that is publishing its expenditure data. Can you tell me what I need to do to include Bristol on this list?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Senior GIS Analyst
Bristol City Council
Central Support Services
B Bond 7th Floor
Smeaton Road
Bristol
BS1 6XN

Tel [REDACTED]

>>> [REDACTED]<[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk> 05/10/2010 17:08 >>>
Thank you, [REDACTED] sorry, you are right, that one was still outstanding and I hadn't yet passed on to the data.gov.uk team.

I'll let you know once the details have been uploaded.

101021_bristol City Council Financial Data.txt

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG
T: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Data.gov.uk Team [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [REDACTED]

That looks correct the only dataset that is missing is the one I sent last week attached.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
>>> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>
05/10/2010
16:18 >>>
Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for forwarding the proforma for your £500 spend datasets, I'll pass on to the relevant section.

I've attached the other Bristol datasets which [REDACTED] and I have so far passed to data.gov.uk to list on the site - were there others? I'll check on the status of these and get back to you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG
T: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Data.gov.uk Team
Subject: RE: Bristol City Council Financial Data

[REDACTED]
The September financial data over £500 data has now been released, please see attached metadata form with new url.

I have noticed that none of the datasets I have sent for the past few weeks have been added to the data.gov.uk site. Can you tell me how long it will take to update?

Regards,

[REDACTED]
>>> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>
01/10/2010
09:05 >>>
Great thanks, [REDACTED]

Regards,

-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto: Bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 8:56 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi

we are working on this at the moment and should be ready soon.

Regards,

>>> communities.gsi.gov.uk>
30/09/2010
18:32 >>>
Hi

Quick question, do you have a landing/open data page for the payments to supplier data please? Thanks.

Regards,

-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto: Bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 5:46 PM
To:
Subject: Fwd: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi

Please see below the email I sent to can you action this or should I send directly to the data.gov.uk team?

Kind Regards,

>>> 0/09/2010 17:41 >>>
Hi

Please find attached the Metadata for the Bristol City Council payments over £500 data and a couple of other data-sets.

There is a lot of interest in Bristol around the payments over £500 data can you give me an estimate of how long it will be before the link is available on data.gov.uk?

Kind Regards,

Senior GIS Analyst
Bristol City Council
Central Support Services
B Bond 7th Floor

Smeaton Road
Bristol
BS1 6XN

Tel [REDACTED]

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From: localdir
Sent: 22 October 2010 15:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Local government expenditure over £500
[REDACTED]

I passed your request on to the relevant team and can confirm that the URL has been changed on data.gov.uk as requested.

cheers

[REDACTED]
Local Directgov

From: [REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 11:36 AM
To: localdir
Subject: Local government expenditure over £500

Good morning,

My name is [REDACTED] I'm the Web Manager for South Gloucestershire Council.

We have recently made some changes to the way in which we publish council expenditure over £500 which has resulted in a change of the page URL. Links on the CLG website have not been affected because it uses the URL redirect of <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/payments500> to locate the correct page. However, I notice that the dataset on data.gov.uk uses the long URL, and therefore no longer works.

Could this link be updated to either the short URL <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/payments500> or the full URL <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/NR/exeres/8a7fb731-f223-4f21-905d-aaaa683a69cf>.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Web Manager
South Gloucestershire Council
[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 October 2010 10:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Data.gov.uk Team; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [redacted]

Sorry to take so long to get back to you.

The holding page for the expenditure data is
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/council-budgets-and-spending/expenditure-over-500.en>

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

>>> [redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk> 21/10/2010
10:04 >>>
Hi [redacted]

Simon will be able to confirm when the data.gov.uk site will be updated with the Bristol data.

Could you please send us the link to your data holding page and I will arrange for Bristol to be listed on the CLG page as well. Alternatively, if you are familiar with it, you may update Local Directgov directly (LGSL/IL 1465/8) or by dropping a line to LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

DCLG
T: [redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 3:15 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Data.gov.uk Team; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [redacted]

We now believe that all our issues around opening the CSV files have been resolved now. Please can you check on the status of when the Bristol data will be put on the data.gov.uk site?

I have been asked question about when Bristol will be listed on <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

as a council that is publishing its expenditure data. Can you tell me what I need to do to include Bristol on this list?

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Senior GIS Analyst
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Bristol
BS1 6XN

[REDACTED]
>>> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>

05/10/2010

17:08 >>>

Thank you [REDACTED] Sorry, you are right, that one was still outstanding and I hadn't yet passed on to the data.gov.uk team.

I'll let you know once the details have been uploaded.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG

T: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Data.gov.uk Team; [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: FW: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [REDACTED]

That looks correct the only dataset that is missing is the one I sent last week attached.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
>>> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>

05/10/2010

16:18 >>>

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for forwarding the proforma for your £500 spend datasets, I'll pass on to the relevant section.

I've attached the other Bristol datasets which [REDACTED] and I have so far passed to data.gov.uk to list on the site - were there others? I'll check on the status of these and get back to you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG

T: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:33 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Data.gov.uk Team

Subject: RE: Bristol City Council Financial Data

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Hi [REDACTED],

The september financial data over £500 data has now been released, please see attached metadata form with new url.

I have noticed that none of the datasets I have sent for the past few weeks have been added to the data.gov.uk site. Can you tell me how long it will take to update?

Regards,

>>> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>
01/10/2010
09:05 >>>
Great thanks [REDACTED]

Regards,

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2010 8:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [REDACTED]
we are working on this at the moment and should be ready soon.

Regards,

>>> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk>
30/09/2010
18:32 >>>
Hi [REDACTED]

Quick question, do you have a landing/open data page for the payments to supplier data please? Thanks.

Regards,

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 3:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Bristol City Council Financial Data

Hi [REDACTED]
Please see below the email I sent to [REDACTED] in you action this or should I send directly to the data.gov.uk team?

Kind Regards,

>>> [REDACTED] 30/09/2010 17:41 >>>
Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached the Metadata for the Bristol City Council

payments
over £500 data and a couple of other data-sets.

There is a lot of interest in Bristol around the payments over £500
data can you give me an estimate of how long it will be before the
link
is available on data.gov.uk?

kind Regards,

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