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Sent: 26 October 2010 10:13
To: [redacted]
Subject: Transparency - items of expenditure over £500
Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your interest in this topic.

However we are currently going through a redesign of hertsdirect.org and as such there will be considerable volatility with regards to links.

The only one we can guarantee to protect will be our current PID page on hertsdirect therefore we would prefer for this to remain as is for the time being.

Many thanks

[redacted]
Knowledge Management
Hertfordshire County Council

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 October 2010 16:08
To: Knowledge Management
Subject: Transparency - items of expenditure over £500

Hi,
You have recently uploaded your URL for 1465/B. Find out about councils expenditure over £500, giving the following link

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/pid1465>

But we think this would be better:
<http://www.hertsis.org/hertsopendata/16419628/>

Are you happy for me to make the change.

Regards

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Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 11:40 AM
To: localdir
Subject: FW: Council Expenditure over £500

Please see the request below

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2010 11:59
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Council Expenditure over £500

Hi

We have noticed that there is a page on your website which links to many authorities expenditure pages. The page on your site (link below) does not list Sevenoaks District Council.

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

Please could you link the page above to the following page on our website:

[http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/council democracy local services/council budgets and spending/4269.asp](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/council%20democracy%20local%20services/council%20budgets%20and%20spending/4269.asp)

Many thanks

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Corporate Resources
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Sent: 29 October 2010 13:47

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lulya

Mustafa; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Julie Carney; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Local Public Data Panel on Thursday 21 Oct

Hi,

A recent example from today's papers of a fraud against a Scottish Council:

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/fraudsters-con-scottish-council-out-of-270-000-1.1064358>

Interestingly, it appears that "secret identifier codes" were used by the fraudsters.

I think this highlights Chris' point re obfuscation, but also emphasises the need to provide councils practical guidance of how to handle the open data aspects and address the security aspects.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 October 2010 06:35

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Andrew.Stott; [REDACTED]

Hulva, Mustafa; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Julie Carney; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Local Public Data Panel on Thursday 21 Oct

"Security through obscurity is no security at all, and time and again has been shown not to protect against attacks but only to give a false sense of security and make life more difficult for users. We do need ... to balance the various interests and to be realistic about how the real world works" -

[REDACTED] I agree, and this makes a good foreword to the necessary guidance!

However, I've expressed my concern on the specific point and the need to address it, not ignore it. I'm happy to go with the view of my other LA colleagues on the panel...

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 October 2010 23:02

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Julie.Carney <Julie.Carney@communities.gsi.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Local Public Data Panel on Thursday 21 Oct

Sorry all. Sending emails late at night always problematic. Didn't mean to paste [REDACTED] email. This is what I meant to write:

[REDACTED]

The liability may lie with councils but it's the public's money, and there's nothing that I've seen that lends me to believe that the LGA understands the issues here, computer security or the likely vectors. Security through obscurity is no security at all, and time and again has been shown not to protect against attacks but only to give a false sense of security and make life more difficult for users. We do need guidance, but it needs to balance the various interests, and to be realistic about how the real world works.

[REDACTED]

On Wed, Oct 27, 2010 at 11:00 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

- > As you know, I strongly support complete openness except where
- > personal privacy or potential fraud are at stake. It is about risk
- > management, as you say William, but the liability still lies with
- > local authorities and we must be mindful of the concerns practitioners
- > raise - it wont in general be about secrecy for its own sake.

>
> In this area I would urge caution until the guidance is both
> consistent and clear, and the risks accepted - given the Panel wont be liable..

> On Wed, Oct 27, 2010 at 10:31 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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>> local authorities and we must be mindful of the concerns
>> practitioners raise - it wont in general be about secrecy for its own sake.

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>> consistent and clear, and the risks accepted - given the Panel wont be liable...

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>> Subject: Re: Local Public Data Panel on Thursday 21 Oct

>>

> [REDACTED]

>>

>> thank you for this. This is a helpful canter through but is too risk
>> averse. The challenge for senior managers is to manage a risk, not
>> just avoid it by sticking to current practice.

>>

>> How can we manage the risk? If we move into a world where more and
>> more data is published then the strategic issue is basic education
>> for junior staff so that they aren't left exposed by their managers
>> to being bamboozled over the phone.

>>

>> There are analagous situations where information was published,
>> revealing a risk which was then managed by a change in business
>> practice. For instance Company's House publication of Directors
>> details.

>>

>> The value of being able to join up (not link given the technical
>> context
>> here) companies by unique IDs is high. It's already fasincating to
>> see what [REDACTED] is done with

>>

>> [http://openlylocal.com/councils/32-London-Borough-of-Islington/spendi](http://openlylocal.com/councils/32-London-Borough-of-Islington/spending)
>> ng

>>

>> Compare [REDACTED] receipts for instance.

>>

>> cheers

>>

>>

> [REDACTED]

>>

>> On 27 October 2010 13:39, [REDACTED] hants.gov.uk>

>> wrote:

>>

>>> Hi,

>>>

>>> Following on from last weeks meeting and [REDACTED] cent blog post on
>>> the subject publishing of internal id's and VAT numbers(*

>>>

>> [http://countculture.wordpress.com/2010/10/26/open-data-fraud-and-some](http://countculture.wordpress.com/2010/10/26/open-data-fraud-and-some-worrying-advice/)
>> -worrying-advice/

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>> -worrying-advice/

>>>),

>>> I'd like to try and give a real world perspective and highlight

>>> some

>> issues.

>>>

>>> It's fair to point out that there is conflicting advice on the
>>> issue of publishing VAT numbers, company reg numbers and internal
>>> supplier id's
>> and
>>> this needs to be cleared up. I think we need:
>>>
>>> - A clear statement and agreement on whether VAT and company
>>> registration numbers are a possible vector for fraud and whether
>> these
>>> should be included in open data
>>> - To recognise that while VAT and company registration numbers
>>> are
>>> the
>>> ideal solution for linking financial data in the real world many
>> authorities
>>> won't hold this, certainly not in a way that makes it easy to produce
>>> - Clear guidance on whether it is acceptable to publish internal
>>> supplier id numbers based on real world examples. This may need
>>> to be
>> backed
>>> up with clear advice to organisations on whether they should use the
>>> supplier id as a unique reference to verify a suppliers identity.
>>>
>>> If the aim of publishing data on spend greater than £500 is simply
>>> to
>> put
>>> this out in the public domain and show where individual councils
>>> are spending their money we can do this now, without significant
>>> effort
>> other
>>> than developing an method of extraction from the finance system and
>> ensuring
>>> that account names and descriptions are legible and sensible. If
>>> the aim
>> is
>>> to allow this data to be linked across councils and suppliers so we
>>> can aggregate it and get views of what suppliers and others money
>>> is flowing
>> to
>>> etc then yes, we need to be able to reference and match suppliers.
>>>
>>> I think we need to understand that while VAT Numbers and company
>>> registration numbers allow us to do this rather well, in reality
>>> there
>> are
>>> two issues:
>>>
>>> 1) Publishing VAT numbers may give a potential vector for fraud. It
>> appears
>>> that there may be conflicting advice on this area [REDACTED] points out

>>> that
>> this
>>> information may already be in the public domain. We need clearer
>> guidance on
>>> the issue of VAT numbers and a clear understanding of how these
>>> open up
>> the
>>> possibility of VAT fraud.
>>>
>>> 2) More realistically, it's unlikely that all authorities will have
>>> this available. An authorities finance system is designed to allow
>>> it to run
>> its
>>> finances, pay the bills and produce the accounts. None of this was
>> probably
>>> implemented in any organisation with an assumption that the
>>> information would need to be made public. Process and internal
>>> coding structures
>> were
>>> not created with this in mind. There will be organisations that do
>>> not
>> have
>>> VAT or company reg numbers in their finance system, possibly at
>>> all, as
>> it
>>> isn't essential to have it to support its core functions.
>>>
>>> Internal supplier id's are another option, but the issue here is
>>> that
>> while
>>> it allows a supplier to be uniquely identified within an
>>> organisation,
>> it
>>> doesn't allow it to be done across other organisations, so it is an
>>> imperfect solution. There has been concern here that this opens up
>>> the chance of fraud, the debate appears to centre on whether
>>> councils use
>> this
>>> as a unique identifier. I think we need clearer guidance on this
>>> and
>> real
>>> examples. While I agree that it is not sensible for any
>>> organisation to
>> use
>>> this as a sole identifier when dealing with suppliers I think the
>>> issue
>> is
>>> that when added together with other information readily available a
>>> determined and creative fraudster can present themselves as genuine.
>>> Anecdotally I am aware of a recent near miss in Poole which was

>>> caught before any payment, the fraudsters were apparently targeting
>>> the council
>> via
>>> phone calls using information like the supplier id to present
>>> themselves
>> to
>>> junior staff as genuine. The ingenuity used by fraudsters in the
>>> South Lanarkshire case highlights how people can do this.
>>>
>>> With both above, I think it's fair to say that just because the VAT
>>> ref
>> or
>>> internal id information may be available in the public domain with
>>> a
>> quick
>>> web search doesn't mean we should sanction publication of them as
>>> it may lower the barriers to those who commit fraud. As a crude
>>> analogy, drugs
>> are
>>> illegal, it's really quite easy to buy drugs in town or with a
>>> quick
>> online
>>> search, therefore lets loosen the law as people can get them anyway.
>>>
>>> In summary:
>>>
>>> - We can publish spend data now but may not be able to link it across
>>> organisations
>>> - VAT numbers and company registration numbers are an ideal
>>> solution
>> to
>>> linking data, but we may not easily have this data to hand
>>> - Internal supplier id numbers are an imperfect solution, but
>>> they
>> are
>>> available easily
>>> - Both of the above have concerns around fraud and security
>>>
>>> Thanks
>>>
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[REDACTED]

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>>> *Subject:* RE: Local Public Data Panel on Thursday 21 Oct

>>>

>>> Dear all - and sorry for a somewhat late entry - but a couple of

>>> short notes on fraud risk and contracts - don't worry if you don't

>>> have time

>>> to

>>> read - I'd like at least as an AoB to raise the issues and agree

>>> how we

>>> take

>>> forward to resolution, rather than do so tomorrow.

>>>

>>> Thanks and look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

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>>> [REDACTED]

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>>> *From:* [REDACTED]

>>> [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]

>>> *Sent:* 20 October 2010 14:18

>>> *To:* Prof Nigel Shadbolt; [REDACTED]

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>>> [REDACTED]hants.gov.uk; Hulya Mustafa; [REDACTED]

>>> [REDACTED]

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Fraud prevention in publishing spending data

1. The Local Government Group published a practitioner's guide to publishing spending data in October for consultation. In response to questions raised in the consultation we sought advice from HM Revenue and Customs, National Anti Fraud Network (NAFN) and the Information Commissioner Office (ICO) about publication of VAT registration numbers, internal supplier ID, and invoice and purchase order numbers.
2. As a result, VAT registration numbers, internal supplier IDs, invoice or purchase order numbers should **NOT** be published to prevent the risk of fraud.

Background

3. Local Government Group advice is not to publish invoice, purchase, order numbers and VAT registration numbers when publishing spending data because they give rise to risk of claims for fraudulent payments. This differs from guidance issued by treasury¹ and initial guidance published by the Local Public Data Panel.
4. HMRC clearly advises that VAT registration numbers should not be made widely and electronically available as VAT numbers have been fraudulently used to obtain tax free goods and services across the European community. HMRC have published guidance on VAT Missing trader fraud². While individual VAT registration numbers may be available on receipts, official lists of VAT registration numbers are not available online unlike company registration numbers.
5. NAFN advise that they are aware that £359,000 of losses reported as a result of fraudsters altering bank details, and of near misses totalling millions. NAFN advise that publication of internal supplier ID, VAT registration number, invoice and purchase order number would leave councils vulnerable to fraud.
6. We sought advice on this basis from the Information Commissioner: the response is agreement that VAT registration number, Internal supplier ID, Invoice and purchase numbers should not be published to prevent fraud.

Alternative advice to Local authorities

7. We understand the need to uniquely identify the supplier and the challenge if only the supplier name is used: a supplier ID allows identification of a unique

¹ Treasury Guidance - Publication of spend over £25,000 http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/transparency_spend_over25100910.pdf

² HMRC advice on missing trader fraud:
http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/channelsPortalWebApp.portal?_nlp=true&_pagelabel=pagelimport_ShowContent&propertyType=document&columns=1&id=HMCE_PROD_011637#P197_26822

supplier across various different payments within a local authority. So, we propose to guide that an external supplier ID number should be mandatory and we will advise that local authorities create an external key for the supplier ID so that the ID cannot be easily linked to any payment information held in systems internally.

8. We will also recommend use of a company registration number where available and recorded in the system to make it easier to link the same suppliers across local authorities.
9. Current government guidance needs revision to remove the 'ask' to identify VAT registration, invoice and order number, and that it issues a fraud warning and is consistent with Treasury guidance. This should be published by the local public data panel on data.gov.uk.

Local Government Group
October 2010

>>> Julie Carney

>>> *Subject: * RE: Local Public Data Panel on Thursday 21 Oct

>>> Apologies, I omitted to mention that item 6 on the agenda is about
>> future

>>> projects, it would be helpful if you could think ahead of the
>>> meeting if there are any areas you wish to see the Panel focus on,
>>> and potentially spend money on.

>>> We are also always grateful to Panel members for suggestions for
>>> agenda items, and grateful if those could be brought to the meeting
>>> as well as

>> can

>>> be useful to take in the round.

>>> Many thanks.

>>> Kind regards,

>>> Transparency Division

>>> T:

>>> *From:

>>> *Sent: * Wednesday, October 20, 2010 1:34 PM

>>> *To:

>>> (Redbridge); J

>>> Andrew Stott;

>>> @sunderland.gov.uk; Hulya

>>> Mustafa

>>> June Carney

>>> *Cc:

>>> *Subject: * Local Public Data Panel on Thursday 21 Oct

>>> Dear all,

>>> Please find attached the final agenda and papers for tomorrow's Local
>>> Public Data Panel meeting.
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>>> >> << File: 101019 Local Public Data Panel data list.doc >> <<
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>>> 101020_LOCAL PUBLIC DATA PANEL PROGRESS REPORT.doc >>
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>>> Please also see the health information strategy consultation,
>> referred
>>> to in the Panel's response to the health white paper at this
>>> link: *
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>>> Also proposal from [REDACTED] for opening up local government
>>> accounts at this blog post:
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>>> *
>>> Please let me know if you have any questions.
>>>
>>> Kind regards,
>>>
>>> [REDACTED]
>>> *
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From [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]@bristol.gov.uk)
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 5:27 PM
To: [redacted] Data.gov.uk Team
Subject: Bristol Expenditure Data Oct 10

Hi [redacted]

Please find attached the metadata form for the October Expenditure data for Bristol.

The link to the data is <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/968/500/2010/10/> please can this be added to <http://data.gov.uk/dataset/local-authority-spend-over-500-bristol-city-council>

Kind Regards,



data.gov.uk -
Meta-data form for loc

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Project Name	Type	Description of project for which the funding is provided	Amount of funding provided	Funding source	Status of project	Date of completion	Financial Summary		Project Summary		Impact Summary		Future Plans	
							Actual	Approved	Completed	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track
Project A	Research	Investigation of the effects of climate change on the environment.	\$100,000	University	Completed	2015	100%	100%	Completed	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track	
Project B	Education	Development of a new educational program for students.	\$50,000	University	In Progress	2016	80%	80%	In Progress	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track	
Project C	Community	Implementation of a community outreach program.	\$25,000	University	Completed	2015	100%	100%	Completed	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track	
Project D	Health	Research on the health benefits of a new diet.	\$75,000	University	In Progress	2016	60%	60%	In Progress	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track	
Project E	Technology	Development of a new software application.	\$120,000	University	Completed	2015	100%	100%	Completed	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track	

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 Other

From: [redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC) [redacted]@solihull.gov.uk]
Sent: 03 November 2010 12:53
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Solihull MBC data for inclusion in the Making Public Data Public internet data service
Many thanks

Regards

[redacted]

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Mr [redacted]
Corporate Information Governance Manager
Corporate Performance, Policy and Information
Commissioning Division
Tel: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]@solihull.gov.uk
Fax: 0121 704 8311
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk
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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 03 November 2010 10:41
To: [redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Solihull MBC data for inclusion in the Making Public Data Public internet data service

Hi [redacted]

Many thanks for arranging this metadata proforma

I have added your information to data.gov.uk and it will shortly appear here

<http://data.gov.uk/dataset/payments-to-suppliers-over-500-solihull-mbc>

All the best

[redacted]

[redacted]

Data Quality Assurance Assistant
Tel: [redacted]
Fax: +44 (0)20 8467 1376
Web: nationalarchives.gov.uk data.gov.uk
The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 02 November 2010 18:33
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Solihull MBC data for inclusion in the Making Public Data Public internet data service

Hi [redacted]

Please find attached completed proforma from Solihull Council who are now publishing E500 spend in CSV format. Grateful if you could please publish metadata on data.gov.uk but let me know if you need any details from me.

Grateful if you could please inform [redacted] cc'd to me once the details are published. Many thanks.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]
DCLG
T. [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC) [mailto:[Redacted]@solihull.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:05 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Subject: FW: Solihull MBC data for inclusion in the Making Public Data Public internet data service

Dear [Redacted]

[Redacted] out of office message suggests you may be able to help me with the enclosed enquiry I have about how to get Solihull Council's data published on the data.gov.uk / communities.gov.uk websites.

Are you able to help?

Thanks

[Redacted]

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Mr [Redacted]
Corporate Information Governance Manager
Corporate Performance, Policy and Information
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Email: [Redacted]@solihull.gov.uk
Fax: 0121 704 8311
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk
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From: [Redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Sent: 28 October 2010 12:03
To: [Redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk
Cc: [Redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Subject: Solihull MBC data for inclusion in the Making Public Data Public internet data service

Dear [Redacted]

I am writing to you in the hope that you will be able to help me with the publication of our data on the data.gov.uk / communities.gov.uk websites.

As you will see from the enclosed emails, I've sent two emails over the last few weeks and neither have been responded to. I have also left a voice mail message for you but haven't received a reply to this either.

A colleague in a neighbouring authority recommend that I contact you directly as they are confident you'll be able to help me, therefore I'm hoping this fourth attempt at contact will have more success than the previous ones.

Thank you for any help you are able to provide

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
Corporate Information Governance Manager
Corporate Performance, Policy and Information

Commissioning Division
Tel: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]@solihull.gov.uk
Fax: 0121 704 8311
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk

From: [redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Sent: 19 October 2010 12:39
To: 'LPDU@communities.gsi.gov.uk'
Cc: [redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Subject: FW: Solihull MBC data for Inclusion in the Making Public Data Public internet data service

Hi,

I was wondering if you are able to provide an indication of when the data we supplied will be loaded onto your website?

Thanks

[redacted]

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Mr [redacted]
Corporate Information Governance Manager
Corporate Performance, Policy and Information
Commissioning Division
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Email: [redacted]@solihull.gov.uk
Fax: 0121 704 8311
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk
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From: [redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Sent: 11 October 2010 12:20
To: 'LPDU@communities.gsi.gov.uk'
Cc: [redacted] (Strategic Services - Solihull MBC)
Subject: Solihull MBC data for inclusion in the Making Public Data Public internet data service

Dear Sir

Please see attached dataset from Solihull MBC regarding publication of £500 expenditure. I would be grateful if you could let me know when the page is live on your website.

With regard to the download URL I have supplied two, one for a CSV file and one for a PDF file. Please let me know if there is anything else you require.

Lastly, could you please let me know when you have created the relevant webpage entry for Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

Thank you and regards

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk]
Sent: 03 November 2010 14:38
To: localdir
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Transparency agenda

Importance: High

Good afternoon

Please could you set up a link to Direct Gov for Cherwell District Council's transparency agenda page. The link is below;

<http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5941>

Regards

[redacted]

Website content co-ordinator
Cherwell District Council

Tel: [redacted]
Ext: [redacted]

email: [redacted]@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

www.cherwell.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 November 2010 08:26
To: [REDACTED]@lewisham.gov.uk
Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'
Subject: RE: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail. I am seeking advice on point one of your query and we will get back to you with a substantive response as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
314 Eldon House
Blessenden Place
London SW1E 5RT
Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@data.gov.uk

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

From: [REDACTED]@lewisham.gov.uk
Date: Wed, Oct 27, 2010 at 11:36 AM
Subject: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
To: localdatapanel@data.gov.uk

Message from [REDACTED]@lewisham.gov.uk

Subject : Private Sector Leasing (PSL) Payments

Message:

LBL pay considerable sums to private individuals for PSL rents.

- 1) Should they be included in the data as they are payments to individuals
- 2) Should their names be redacted because of Data Protection et al

Thank you

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

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From: [redacted]@barnsley.gov.uk
Sent: 04 November 2010 08:47
To: 'contactus@communities.gov.uk'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Local government expenditure over £500
Importance: High

HOLYA MUSTAFA
EXPENDITURE OVER
£500

Dear Sir,

Please can I request a prompt response to the question below, originally e-mailed a week ago. We are urgently wanting to issue advice and guidance to our schools.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Assistant Finance Manager
Children, Young People and Families
Barnsley MBC

E-mail: [redacted]@barnsley.gov.uk
Tel: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 October 2010 16:02
To: 'contactus@communities.gov.uk'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Local government expenditure over £500
Importance: High

Dear Sir,

I am currently considering how this authority can best meet the requirements relating to the publication of local spending data, specifically transactions > £500. However, I would welcome further clarification within this area with regard to the treatment of schools.

As a local authority, we delegate budgets to each maintained school, and each school (ie: governing body and HT) then has delegated responsibility for the management of that funding. With regard to the disclosure requirements, my question is - is it sufficient and can we meet the requirements by simply disclosing the funding that we allocate to each school? Or is it the disclosure requirement much wider than this, if that it requires schools themselves to disclose transactions exceeding the £500 threshold?

Given the timeline for implementation of this requirement, a prompt response would be greatly appreciate.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Assistant Finance Manager
Children, Young People and Families
Barnsley MBC

E-mail: [redacted]@barnsley.gov.uk
Tel: [redacted]

05/11/2010

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From: localdir
Sent: 04 November 2010 15:47
To: HELPDESK DIRECTGOV [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: General enquiry - Ref: 6016 - Local Directgov Council expenditure
Hi [REDACTED]

The deadline for councils to publish their over £500 expenditure details is January 2011. Directgov will publish an article on this subject with the Local Directgov council search tool in January - we are collecting the links in advance so that when the article is published the links used by the search locator are already there.

cheers

[REDACTED]
Local Directgov

From: HELPDESK DIRECTGOV [mailto:HELPDESK@DIRECTGOV.GSI.GOV.UK]
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 4:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: General enquiry - Ref: 6016 - Local Directgov Council expenditure

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks, I didn't realise you were referring to the Local Directgov service. This is administered by Communities and Local Government. I will pass on your enquiry to the Local Directgov team who will be in a better position to help.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@calderdale.gov.uk]
Sent: 03 November 2010 16:24
To: HELPDESK DIRECTGOV
Subject: RE: General enquiry - Ref: 6016

Hi [REDACTED]

I received an e-mail from [REDACTED] (Programme Manager @ Eland House) on 01 October in which she said: "let us know when you have published your expenditure data on line by either updating Local Directgov directly (LGSL/IL 1465/8) or by dropping a line to ...". If the service and interaction 1465/8 is on your database, then should its contents and information about Council expenditure > £500 be available at Directgov? Else, why would you hold these records?

Hope you can clear this up for me.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Business Process Team
ICT Service Delivery Section
Business Change and Performance Management Service
Deputy Chief Executive's Office
Calderdale MBC
Tel: [REDACTED]

From: HELPDESK DIRECTGOV [mailto:HELPDESK@DIRECTGOV.GSI.GOV.UK]

Sent: 03 November 2010 16:16

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: General enquiry - Ref: 6016

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email.

Details of individual local authorities spending is not a subject covered by the Directgov website. As far as I am aware, this kind of information is published on the data.gov website below.

<http://data.gov.uk/>

If you need further assistance, please contact Data.gov directly using their email form:

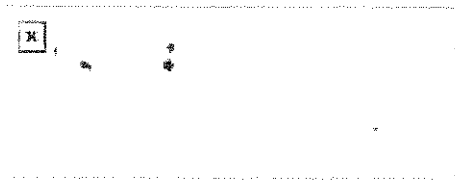
<http://data.gov.uk/contact>

I hope this helps

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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

From: forms@directgov.uk [mailto:forms@directgov.uk]
Sent: 03 November 2010 15:37
To: HELPDESK DIRECTGOV
Subject: 126016XFP_2213.xml

Form - Reference No: 6016

Name: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]@calderdale.gov.uk
Subject: General enquiry

Comments: Searched for Council spending > £500 in various ways and come up with nothing. I recently uploaded Calderdale MBC's web page URL for service 1465/8 so I know that Directgov should be able to direct me to such information. So, where is it?

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2010 16:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Questions] Over £500 Spending

Hi [REDACTED]
The finance officers should contact their web teams and ask them to update Local Directgov with the information (the web teams have been sent advice and guidance). However, they can send the links direct to me if web teams appear elusive(they often do)

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@torridge.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 November 2010 16:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Questions] Over £500 Spending

Hi [REDACTED]
We have been discussing the publicising of this information at a meeting of Devon finance officers. Do they contact you if they want their information linked to the DCLG website or is there a different route to follow?

[REDACTED]
Chief Accountant

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 05 November 2010 15:05
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Questions] Over £500 Spending

Hi [REDACTED]
I have added your link to Local Directgov. Hopefully you should see the link on the Communities web site by Monday

regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 2:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Questions] Over £500 Spending

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for the update and contact details as well as the link to your data page for inclusion on the list on the CLG website. I will also pass the relevant details to the data.gov.uk team for inclusion on that website.

My colleague, [redacted] may be able to advise on the question regarding URIs and I am passing your details to him.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
DCLG
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]@torridge.gov.uk)
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 2:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: [Questions] Over £500 Spending

Hi [redacted]

I have managed to find our URI, but this has now generated some further questions;

How do we now link our payment information, which can be found at <http://www.torridge.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5911> to your website?
I have also discovered that the URIs are to be replaced next year. How do we find out what the new one will be and how do we link our information to it?

Thanks.

[redacted]
Chief Accountant
Torridge District Council
Tel. [redacted]

From: [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk)
Sent: 05 November 2010 13:47
To: [redacted]
Cc: Data.gov.uk Team
Subject: RE: [Questions] Over £500 Spending

De [redacted]

Thank you for your enquiry and apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

It will be helpful if you could provide me with your telephone number and colleagues will contact you to discuss the technical issues with you. Many thanks.

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]@torridge.gov.uk>
Date: Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 4:19 PM
Subject: [Questions] Over £500 Spending
To: [redacted] team@data.gov.uk

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

We are in the process of making the information available in the format as suggested in the consultation paper. Please can you provide the URI for Torridge or indicate where it can be found?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 November 2010 10:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@preston.gov.uk
Subject: FW: Publisher access to data.gov
Hi [REDACTED]

Grateful if you could please advise [REDACTED] getting publisher access to publish on the data.gov.uk website.
Many thanks.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
3/14 Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU
Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@preston.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 3:40 PM
To: LPDU
Subject: Publisher access to data.gov

Hi,

I want to list our data for our spending over £500 on the data.gov website. Apparently I need publisher access to do this. Can you grant this for me please? My user name is [REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Web Manager
Preston City Council
www.preston.gov.uk
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 November 2010 10:07
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Data submissions
[REDACTED]

A link to the Hampshire data will be published on this page:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

I don't think you will need to do anything else but if necessary the way to alert the team in the short term would be by either updating Local Directgov directly (LGSL/IL 1465/8) or by dropping a line to LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@hants.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 9:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Data submissions
[REDACTED]

That is great - thank you so much.

In future how do I ensure that you also get our information - do I have to submit to you as well?

Regards

[REDACTED]
Corporate webmaster,
Chief Executives
Tel: [REDACTED] HPSN: [REDACTED]
www.hants.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 November 2010 09:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Data submissions

Hi [REDACTED]

You may be referring to the data.gov.uk website? If so, that's maintained by the Cabinet Office and National Archives team.

To received publisher access to the data.gov.uk site, you will need to register on the site and send your username and the organisation you intend to publish on behalf of to PublicData@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk.

If it is the DCLG website you wish to be listed on, I'd found and passed this link to our Comms team yesterday : <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/opendata/datasets/supplierpayments.htm> for listing Hampshire on the DCLG website.

Hope this is helpful, let me know if you need any further details.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
DCLG
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@hants.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 9:40 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Data submissions

Hello [REDACTED]

I have solved a few of my issues this morning - just a couple outstanding now.

I have submitted datasets to your site - but I need to make amendments to ensure they are listed properly. Would it be possible to point me in the direction of some guidance on how to submit and also how I edit and add downloads to existing content.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
Corporate webmaster,
Chief Executives
Tel [REDACTED]
www.hants.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 November 2010 09:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Data submissions

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for getting in touch but I could not see your original query below could you resend please? Many thanks

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
[Redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

From: [Redacted] [mailto:[Redacted]@hants.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 7:33 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Out of Office AutoReply: Data submissions

[Redacted]
Could you help with my query below.

Many thanks

[Redacted]
Corporate webmaster,
Chief Executives
Tel [Redacted]
www.hants.gov.uk

From: [Redacted] [mailto:[Redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 November 2010 07:32
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: Data submissions

I am currently out of the office until further notice. If your email is urgent and concerns the local public data agenda, please contact [Redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

Otherwise I will deal with it on my return.

Your email has not been forwarded.

[Redacted]
Local Data Transparency Team

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2010 12:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Transparency - expenditure items over £500

Hi [REDACTED]
thanks for the update - just a bit of trivia: you are the 99th LA to provide links!

regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@dudley.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 9:38 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Transparency - expenditure items over £500

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm pleased to let you know that Dudley have now published this information. I have updated LGSL 1465 (LIL B) as requested.

FYI <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-democracy/council-expenditure-over-500>

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/d1710Z>

- 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/IL 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

Tel: [REDACTED]
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 November 2010 11:16
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@education.gsi.gov.uk, [redacted]
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency Programme
Hi Reena,

Thank you. Yes, I can confirm DfE advice is that until an approach has been agreed, DfE are not requiring schools to publish this information.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
DCLG

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@arrow.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:51 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency Programme

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for your email response.

Based on your response then my understanding is that we do not need to include Schools (although a payment is produced in our system to them when their bank accounts are topped up) at this stage, but this may change depending on the outcome once this has been considered within the DfE. Please could you confirm?

Many Thanks
Regards,

[redacted]

>>> [redacted] " [redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk > 12/11/2010 16:16 >>>
Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your enquiry concerning local spending data specifically councils' reporting on schools data.

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

I hope this is helpful.

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.gsi.gov.uk

From [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@harrow.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 12:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency Programme.

H [redacted]

Yes, the query is about the £500 spend data. I would be grateful if you could pass it on the appropriate person.

Many Thanks

[redacted]

>>> [redacted] <[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk> 12/11/2010 12:04

>>>

H [redacted]

I work on the senior salaries transparency policy, however, I assume this is about £500 spend? If so, I will pass onto one of my colleagues to respond to you.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Workforce, Pay and Pensions
Department for Communities and Local Government

Tel [redacted]
Email [redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

From [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@harrow.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 12:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Local Government Transparency Programme

[redacted]

I am hoping you can help. I contacted you a few weeks ago you kindly answered my query that I had regarding the Local Government Transparency Programme. I have another query and I am hoping you can help, or direct me the appropriate person.

We are currently in the process of going through the steps ensure that we can publish Local Spending Data for Harrow Council by January 2011. I have a question from a colleague which is as follows:
"Do we need to include Harrow Schools as part of the Spending Data, as Harrow hold the schools budget and top up their bank accounts on a monthly basis. This produces a payment in the system to them?"

I would be grateful if you could advise on this.

Look forward to hearing from you.
Many Thanks

Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Information Architect
Information Management Team
Harrow Council
Tel [Redacted]

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From: localdir
Sent: 16 November 2010 13:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Council Expenditure over £500
Hi [REDACTED]

I've set you up on the system as the web portal officer

The URL for it is <https://admin.localdirect.gov.uk/LDGAdministration/> and your username is REDACTED
There is a user guide available to download on your home page when you log in but let me know if you need any help with using it at any time

To add the Council expenditure over £500 link go to **Link Data** then **Service Data** scroll to the foot of the page and click the **Add new service** button then type in 1465 into the **LGSL** box, 8 into the **LGIL** box - paste the full URL (including **HTTP://**) into **URL** box, tick **supported** and then **Add**

Any problems - let me know

cheers
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@southribble.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:39 AM
To: localdir
Subject: RE: Council Expenditure over £500

Ah I think that would explain the problem. [REDACTED] left the authority quite a few months ago now and it seems that the responsibility and information for the upkeep of Local Directgov haven't been passed on to anyone.

Would it be possible to set me up as the web portal officer and do you have any required information for using the system.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Support Analyst
South Ribble Borough Council
[REDACTED]

From: localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 November 2010 10:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Council Expenditure over £500

Hi [REDACTED]

You should arrange for your URL to be added to the South Ribble service links held on Local Directgov - each local authority has a web portal officer who has access to the Local Directgov admin interface where they manage their links. A new service on the local government service list (LGSL) has been created - LGSL 1465/LGIL 8 - for the over £500 expenditure data. According to our records your web portal officer is [REDACTED]@southribble.gov.uk

We check our system on a weekly basis for new over £500 spending links and pass these on to the Communities and Local Government web team to add the new links to their list.

If you [REDACTED] have any problems I can upload the link on your behalf - please let me know

cheers

[REDACTED]
Local Directgov

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@southribble.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:33 AM
To: localdir
Subject: Council Expenditure over £500

Hi,

I work within the IT department at South Ribble Borough Council and have been recently publishing expenditure over £500 on our own website:

<http://www.southribble.gov.uk/Section.asp?sectiontype=listseparate&catid=301167&docid=2764>

It has been brought to my attention that there is also a link on the communities and local government site that has external links to each of these pages at the various councils across the country:

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

I was wondering the process of getting our councils link onto this page.

Thanks for any help,

[REDACTED]
Support Analyst
South Ribble Borough Council
[REDACTED]

South Ribble Borough Council

Civic Centre - West Paddock - Leyland - Lancashire - PR25 1DH

Tel: [REDACTED] - Fax: 01772 622287

Check out our website at www.southribble.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2010 13:37
To: [REDACTED] SouthNorthants.gov.uk'
Cc: MPSTOCORRETEAM
Subject: Spend over £500
Dear Beth,

Thank you for your email of 13 October to the department, and informing us that South Northants is publishing details of expenditure over £500. Apologies for the delay in replying.

South Northants is now listed on the DCLG website at this link:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/szexp/entituredata/>

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Local Expenditure Unit - Transparency Group
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
2114 Epsom House
Bressenden Place
London, SW1E 3DU
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SouthNorthants@dclg.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED]@SouthNorthants.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 October 2010 15:12
To: CONTACTUS
Subject: Spend over £500

Hello,
South Northamptonshire Council have published their spend over £500 on the website at:
[//www.southnorthants.gov.uk/documents/442.htm](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/documents/442.htm)
Please can you add us to the open books timeline.
Thank you

[REDACTED]
Accountancy Manager
South Northamptonshire Council
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 November 2010 15:08
To: [REDACTED]@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Cc: MPSTOCORRETEAM [REDACTED] Hulya Mustafa
Subject: FW: Council Expenditure over £500
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail and informing us that Sevenoaks District Council is publishing expenditure online and providing a link to your webpage. Apologies for the delay in replying.

The Sevenoaks details have been passed to colleagues who will ensure that your council is included on the DCLG list.

Thank you again for getting in touch.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
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3/114 Eland House
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[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@sevenoaks.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 11:59 AM
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Council Expenditure over £500

Hi

We have noticed that there is a page on your website which links to many authorities expenditure pages. The page on your site (link below) does not list Sevenoaks District Council.

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

Please could you link the page above to the following page on our website:

http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/council_democracy__local_services/council_budgets_and_spending/4269.asp

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

IT Support Manager
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Corporate Resources
Sevenoaks District Council
Council Offices | Argyle Road | Sevenoaks | Kent | TN13 1HG
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 November 2010 08:41
To: [REDACTED]@camden.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Transparency Issues - Contracts & Tenders
[REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry.

I can confirm that the Secretary of State is expecting that new local government contracts and tender documents for expenditure over £500 will be published in full from January 2011.

Local Government Improvement and Development are producing a Guide for Practitioners, similar to the documents they produced on publishing expenditure over £500 and senior salaries. I understand they are intending on putting that guide on to their website for consultation very soon - in the same way that they did for the previous practitioners guides. This is the relevant section of their website

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

Although the style will be different, and some aspects of the content will differ, I understand that Local Government Improvement and Development felt that the guidance OGC have produced for the publication of central government tenders and contracts to be a good model.

http://www.ogc.gov.uk/policy_and_standards_framework_transparency.asp

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities and Local Government

[REDACTED]
I work part-time and my working days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. My job-share partner [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@camden.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 11:19 AM
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Subject: Transparency Issues - Contracts & Tenders
Importance: High

Hi There,

I am trying to ascertain what is required of local authorities in relation to the above

The number10.gov.uk website outlines the need to make available details of purchases over £500, which we have done. It also states that *New local government contracts and tender documents for expenditure over £500 to be published in full from January 2011.*

Although this seems clear enough I have noticed that your website, and others as well, quote that we need to publish details of invitations to tender and final contracts on projects over £500 - It does not specifically mention that actual documents need to be made available.

Has any guidance been published to establish exactly what local authorities need to do in order to comply?

[REDACTED]
Supplier Relationship Manager

Strategic Procurement Unit
Finance
London Borough of Camden

Telephone: [REDACTED]
Fax: 020 7974 2370
Web: camden.gov.uk

Town Hall Extension (Finance)
Argyle Street
London WC1H 8NG

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 November 2010 17:08
To: [REDACTED]@westsussex.gov.uk
Cc: Hulya Mustafa; [REDACTED]
Subject: contracts

[REDACTED]
Thank you for your enquiry.

The Local Government Group are producing a Guide for Practitioners, similar to the documents they produced on publishing expenditure over £500 and senior salaries. I understand they are intending on putting that guide on to their website for consultation very soon - in the same way that they did for the previous practitioners guides. This is the relevant section of their website.

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Department for Communities and Local Government

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

From: Do-not-reply@communities.gov.uk [mailto:Do-not-reply@communities.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 1:41 PM
To: CONTACTUS
Subject: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Below is the query which was submitted by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@westsussex.gov.uk) on Thu Nov 18 13:40:46 GMT 2010

The enquiry type was: General Enquiry

And the query was:

Could you tell me where to find the following guidance for publishing contracts and ITTs please? (or when it will be published?). I:

"The Government is looking to progress this agenda quickly and has set out a timetable for change:

Initial guidelines about how to publish payments over 500 will be produced by developers, and published online at www.data.gov.uk (external link) for comment and debate.

This will be followed by guidelines on how to publish contracts and invitations to tender over 500.

In September draft Codes of Practice on payments over 500 and contracts/invitations to tender over 500, informed by the online discussions, will be published for formal consultation.

Final Codes of Practice will be published in November, so all authorities are able to publish in January 2011. "

.. can find information about spend data, but not contracts and ITTs.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 November 2010 13:27
To: [REDACTED]@n-somerset.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Local Government Transparency Programme
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for calling this department with your enquiry about local £500 spend data particularly with regards to councils' reporting on schools data.

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

DfE colleagues have also indicated that until an approach has been agreed, DfE are not requiring schools to publish this information.

I hope this is helpful. Thank you again for getting in touch.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Local Expenditure Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
37th Floor
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5TT

[REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@eastsussex.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 1:53 PM
Subject: Local Transparency

Dear Supplier

Central Government has launched a transparency agenda, making it an essential part of business for all public sector bodies to release key datasets to the public. Part of this initiative is the requirement for local authorities to publish details of all items of supply expenditure over £500. The Fire Authority intends to publish monthly reports, and the first set, covering April to October, is about to be published.

We are writing to inform you that, as a listed vendor with East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (ESFRS), details of any transaction you have with us that exceeds £500 will be included in such reports.

The contents of the report will show

Vendor Name
Date, and
Amount

The format of the report may change upon further guidance from Central Government being provided. You can access our transparency information by going to the ESFRS website and searching on "Transparency"

Please note that in an effort to reduce the chance of fraud, we will not be including your Vendor Number in any reports we publish. If you receive a communication purporting to be from ESFRS, which relates to any banking details, check that it is valid before responding. Genuine communication will always be in the form of a letter from either ESFRS or SERCO on our behalf and will also include your vendor number.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Finance & Budgetary Control Manager

Telephone: [REDACTED]
Fax: (01323) 462049
Email: [REDACTED]@esfrs.org

101122_rushcliffe_RE 500 expenditure.txt

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2010 09:17
To: [REDACTED]@rushcliffe.gov.uk
Cc: Nulya Mustafa; MPSTOCORRETEAM; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: £500 expenditure

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail informing us that Rushcliffe Borough Council has now published online details of expenditure over £500.

It would be helpful if you could please provide a link to the Council web page where the data is being published for Rushcliffe Borough Council to be added to the DCLG transparency webpage and timeline. You may do this by either updating Local Directgov directly (LGSL/IL 1465/8) or by dropping a line to LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

I hope this is helpful and thank you again for getting in touch.

Best regards,

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[REDACTED]
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Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU
Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@rushcliffe.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 11:04 AM
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk
Subject: £500 expenditure

We have published our data on expenditure over £500 and I want to include it on your transparency webpage and timeline.

How do I ensure this happens as I can't find anything on the website to say who to contact?

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]
Head of Financial Services
Rushcliffe Borough Council
'Rushcliffe - great place, great lifestyle, great sport'
[REDACTED]

Eat your way to health - Rushcliffe has received funding to run sessions on healthy eating. If your group would like a fun, lively

speaker, contact us on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

To contact Rushcliffe Borough Council call [REDACTED] (8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday), email customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk or visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk (http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/).

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From: localdir
Sent: 22 November 2010 10:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: £500 expenditure list

H [REDACTED]

I've added this to our system - if for any reason you need to change the address then please let your web portal officer know - [REDACTED] (rushcliffe.gov.uk) and she will be able to amend it on our system.

cheers

[REDACTED]
Local Directgov

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@rushcliffe.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 9:21 AM
To: localdir
Subject: £500 expenditure list

Please can you provide a link to our website, where we have been publishing our expenditure over £500 for a number of weeks now.

The link is <http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/doc.asp?cat=11518>

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
Head of Financial Services
Rushcliffe Borough Council
'Rushcliffe - great place, great lifestyle, great sport'
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
From: Do-not-reply@communities.gov.uk
Sent: 04 November 2010 11:37
To: CONTACTUS
Subject: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

10
Spending Transparency
DDT

Below is the query which was submitted by [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@wardsworth.gov.uk)
on Thu Nov 04 11:37:26 GMT 2010

The enquiry type was: General Enquiry

And the query was:

Subject Heading - TRANSPARENCY.

Can you please advise what advice/guidance has been sent to Local Authorities and to whom regarding the second part of the Prime Minister David Cameron's reference to Local government spending transparency, i.e. 'New local government contracts and tender documents for expenditure over £500 to be published in full from January 2011'.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2010 16:51
To: [REDACTED]@wandsworth.gov.uk
Subject: enquiry
[REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry to the Department via the contact us email account. I am sorry that it has taken so long to respond.

The Local Government Group are producing a Guide for Practitioners, similar to the documents they produced on publishing expenditure over £500 and senior salaries. I understand they are intending on putting that guide on to their website for consultation very soon - in the same way that they did for the previous practitioners guides. This is the relevant section of their website.

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

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http://www.ogc.gov.uk/policy_and_standards_framework_transparency.asp

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities and Local Government

[REDACTED]

I work part-time and my working days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. My job-share partner is

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2010 12:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Publication of Expenditure Information
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail and informing us that Hartlepool Borough Council has now published online details of expenditure over £500. It is also helpful to learn that Cleveland Fire Authority are also publishing their expenditure information online. I apologies for the delay in replying.

I am copying this to DCLG in colleagues who will ensure that Hartlepool BC and Cleveland Fire Authority are listed on the DCLG transparency webpage and timeline. It would be helpful if you could please provide a link to the Council web page where the data is being published. You may do this by either updating Local Directgov directly (LGSU/IL 1465/0) or by dropping a line to LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

I hope this is helpful and thank you again for getting in touch.

Best regards,

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[REDACTED]
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
3/114 Clarendon House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 6DU
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@hartlepool.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 11:25 PM
To: LPDU
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Publication of Expenditure Information

Hello,

I have been advised to contact yourselves to inform you that Hartlepool Borough Council have published expenditure information pertaining to the period July to September 2010. We also have responsibility for Cleveland Fire Authority and they too have published their information for the same period. The finance officer at the Fire Authority has e-mailed Robert Flynn separately to let him know of this fact but I thought it best to include them on this notification also.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
Group Accountant (Financial Systems)
Hartlepool Borough Council
Corporate Finance
Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8AY

Phone: [REDACTED]
Fax: 01429 523488
E-Mail: [REDACTED]@hartlepool.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2010 16:27
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@worthing.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Publishing expenditure details over E500 - Worthing Borough Council
Dear [REDACTED]

We spoke earlier. You said you were preparing to cleanse your expenditure data prior to publishing details online and you have a query regarding how to publish datasets where there is overlap, i.e., between Worthing District Council, Worthing Borough Council and your Joint Services company.

I've spoken to a colleague [REDACTED] who will call you on [REDACTED] to discuss your question in more detail to see if he is able to advise.

As you may be aware, draft guidance has been produced by the Local Public Data Panel and is available on the data.gov.uk blog [data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance] and the Local Government Group has also published a draft practitioners' guide [<http://lgrtransparency.readandcomment.com/>].

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
2014 Digital Unit
Broomfield House
London SW1P 5TU

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2010 10:58
To: [REDACTED]@ards-council.gov.uk
Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'
Subject: RE: data.gov.uk Local Data Panel
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry. The principles and approach to delivering the Government's ambition on transparency applies to the whole public sector in England, however the Devolved Administrations may follow suit if they wish to.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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London SW1E 5DU
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

On Tue, Nov 16, 2010 at 4:45 PM, [REDACTED]@ards-council.gov.uk> wrote:
Message from [REDACTED]@ards-council.gov.uk>

Subject : Government Transparency Programme

Message:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be grateful if you could please advise whether the Government Transparency Programme is applicable to Councils in Northern Ireland.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

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

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2010 18:13
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Publisher access for data.gov.uk
Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It would be also be helpful if you could please send me a link to the Kirklees Council webpage detailing £500 expenditure when available, so that we may list them on the DCLG transparency WebPages and timeline.
Many thanks.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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2/114 Eland House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU
Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@kirklees.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2010 12:14 PM
To: LPDU
Subject: Publisher access for data.gov.uk

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I hope you can help.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Web Development Team
Kirklees Council
2nd Floor
Civic Centre III
Huddersfield
HD1 2YZ

Tel: [REDACTED]
www.kirklees.gov.uk

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 November 2010 09:16
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Local transparency
Des [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail and informing us that Darlington Borough Council is publishing online details of expenditure over £500 and providing a link to your webpage. The Darlington details have been passed to colleagues who will ensure that your council is included on the DCLG transparency WebPages and timeline.

Thank you again for getting in touch.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities & Local Government
3/14 Dand House
Bressenden Place
London SW1E 5DU
Tel: [redacted]

[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@xentrail.org.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:28 PM
To: LPDU
Subject: RE: Local transparency

Darlington Borough Council's over £500 spending data is now live and available on the following link:
<http://www.darlington.gov.uk/Democracy/Financial+Services/spendingdata.htm> Please can you ensure that this link is published on the DCLG website. Thanks.

[redacted]
Head of Transactional Services
Xentrail Shared Services
address PO Box 891 Stockton on Tees TS19 1JT
tel office - [redacted] mobile - [redacted]
e-mail [redacted]@xentrail.org.uk
web www.xentrail.org.uk

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 November 2010 14:55
To: [REDACTED]@charley.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Expenditure items over £500

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for providing your 1465/8 interaction. Find out about your councils expenditure over £500. Corley should be added to the lists on the Communities web site sometimes today. The reason I am writing is that I always check new links and open the attached files.

I could not open the .xls file and got the following screenshot:

I thought I would bring this to your attention. The .pdf file works fine.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Local Directgov Programme Manager
Department for Communities and Local Government
Home & Community Franchise
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London SW1E 5DU

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Mob: [REDACTED]
Fax: 020 7944 8937

[REDACTED]

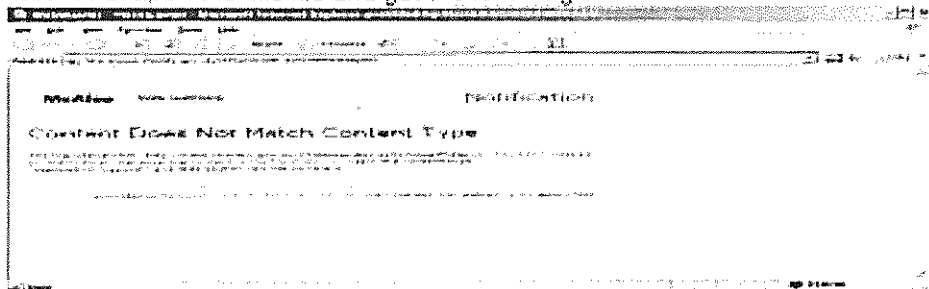
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 November 2010 14:55
To: [REDACTED]@chorley.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Expenditure items over £500

Attachments: Picture (Metafile)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: localdir
Sent: 26 November 2010 16:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8
H [REDACTED]

No you haven't done anything wrong - although your link is now definitely stored in our system - the page on the DCLG web site is only updated once a week (we send them an updated spreadsheet every Wednesday or Thursday so it is likely that you have just missed out on being added to the list this week - but it will definitely be added next week.

cheers

[REDACTED]
Local Directgov

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@eastdevon.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2010 4:06 PM
To: localdir
Subject: help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8

Hello,

We've updated the service LGSL 1465, LGIL 8 "Find out about details of council expenditure over £500", but despite the claim "Service details entered below will be immediately made available on the live system." When I've checked <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/afexpe> our details are not published.

Are we doing something wrong?



Ciao,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 November 2010 12:48
To: [REDACTED]@enfield.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Spend over £500
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has asked me to respond to your email.

The Local Government Group has produced a Draft Practitioners Guide to publishing local spending data.

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

This makes clear that payments to individuals should all be redacted

"Expenditure, for the purposes of this guide, includes all individual invoices, grant payments, expense payments or other such transactions that are over £500. Certain payments, for example to certain private individuals, will be redacted under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection Act"

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Local Government & Economic Growth
Department for Communities and Local Government

[REDACTED]
I work part-time and my working days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. My job-share partner [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@enfield.gov.uk [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2010 11:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Spend over £500

[REDACTED]
thanks for the information previously

Can you clarify another point for me.
Refunds: Are these still classed as spend, even though this is money being returned to individuals for over payment?

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]@enfield.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Spend over £500

[REDACTED] thank you for contacting DCLG.

As Schools fall within the remit of DFE policy our policy teams are regularly raising with them. At this time DFE are still considering how publishing spend over £500 affects schools expenditure. Once the policy position has been agreed DFE will make this public and contact interested parties. At this stage, there is no requirement to for schools to publish this information but - in the spirit of transparency and local accountability - we are encouraging local authorities and their partners to make this information accessible to local people.

Hope this is a useful steer. I have copied this to my colleague [REDACTED] who is the lead internally (within DCLG) on transparency and local government.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]
T. [REDACTED]

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]@enfield.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@enfield.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Spend over £500

[REDACTED]
I would like clarification of schools spend.

Schools spend is not within our finance system, so money they spend is within their own

systems.

My question is:

Are schools included in the publication of spend - eg. do they need to publish their own spend reports

so in other words are schools classed as local authority spend?

thanks

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