

Thank you for your email of 14 May, received in the Department on 14 May, in which you requested information about the Best councils to do business with competition 2013.

Your request asked for the following:

Dear Department for Communities and Local Government, please supply me with electronic copies of all the completed entry forms submitted by different local authorities in the competition "Best councils to do business with".

I have considered your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I confirm that the Department holds the information that you have requested, and I am able to supply it to you.

A copy of the information is enclosed.

Personal data has been redacted under section 40 (2): someone else's personal data. Section 40(2) provides an absolute exemption for personal data about third parties where a disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). The first data protection principle requires that processing (including disclosure) of personal data must be fair, in accordance with the law and comply with one or more conditions in Schedule 2 to the DPA. I consider that disclosure of the information would breach the fair processing requirement of the first data protection principle as well as failing to comply with any of the Schedule 2 conditions since the person or persons in question would not have a legitimate expectation that their names and involvement in a particular policy or event would be made public knowledge.