

FOI Release

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Title: Wirral Council Regional Growth Fund Spending: Quarterly Returns

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Information request

In the last year Wirral Council has awarded a number of Regional Growth Fund grants to local organisations.

As they are an accountable body they have to provide quarterly returns of spending of Regional Growth Fund money to BIS.

Please could you provide the last 4 quarterly returns from Wirral Council to BIS for how they spend Regional Growth Fund money please.

Information released

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested. The information you requested is attached, with personal data redacted in accordance with Section 40 of the Act.

Section 40 of the Act provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed in accordance with the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act. We do not think that it is fair to release the names of third parties and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

Please note that the quarterly returns are only submitted alongside a claim for draw down of RGF grant and Wirral Council have only claimed three times in the last financial year – November 2014, February and March 2015.