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Our Ref: RFI2578
Your Ref: FOI Request – Transition Fund – Liverpool Council
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2578

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

So under Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you would advise me on the following,

- 1. Can you give me a breakdown on the allocation of this £9,289,400 Transition Fund (that Liverpool Council had received from the Government) for each of above 5 areas (as that stated above on the 'Place North West' article)?*
- 2. What are the reasons if it is not possible to provide me the Breakdown and what is on the record regarding this £9,289,400 Transition Fund allocated to Liverpool Council?*
- 3. Had the Government ever given any amount from this allocated £9,289,400 Transition Fund to the Welsh Streets Area in Liverpool? What are the reasons if No Transition Fund was ever given to the Welsh Streets Area (Please be specific on their reasons)?*
- 4. I was advised by Homes England that the funding was paid as Section 31 unringfenced grant to local authorities. Can you give me further information on this "Section 31 unringed grant" and if possible please provide me a copy of the Government Guideline on/ related to this Section 31 unringed grant.*

Response

We will address each of your questions in turn.

- 1) Can you give me a breakdown on the allocation of this £9,289,400 Transition Fund (that Liverpool Council had received from the Government) for each of above 5 areas (as that stated above on the 'Place North West' article)?**

We are able to confirm that we do not hold this information. However, we can confirm that the funding was paid in full and with the condition that it was spent on works that can be defined as capital without reference to specific projects or elements of a project.

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with section 16 of the FOIA, in compliance with this section we have enclosed to this response a copy of the HMR Transition Transfer Scheme labelled Annex A.

You will note that we have redacted some of the information contained within Annex A as it falls outside the scope of your request and relates to other areas, these redactions are shown in red. We have also redacted from Annex A third party information in accordance with Section 40(2) of the FOIA. The information redacted is shown in black and withholds third party signatures.

- 2) What are the reasons if it is not possible to provide me the Breakdown and what is on the record regarding this £9,289,400 Transition Fund allocated to Liverpool Council?**

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We are able to confirm that we do not hold this information. As stated in our response to question 1 we do not know/hold the breakdown and have explained the reason for this above.

3) Had the Government ever given any amount from this allocated £9,289,400 Transition Fund to the Welsh Streets Area in Liverpool? What are the reasons if No Transition Fund was ever given to the Welsh Streets Area (Please be specific on their reasons)?

We are able to confirm that we do not hold this information. We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with section 16 of the FOIA and were therefore suggest that you may wish to submit this part of your request to Liverpool City Council as they determined how the money was spent.

4) I was advised by Homes England that the funding was paid as Section 31 unringfenced grant to local authorities. Can you give me further information on this “Section 31 unringed grant” and if possible please provide me a copy of the Government Guideline on/ related to this Section 31 unringed grant.

We are able to confirm that we do not hold this information. Furthermore, Homes England has not created any guidance on “Section 31 infringed grants”. However, we have a duty to provide advice and assistance and so we have inserted the link to the legislation below.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/26/section/31>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with section 16 of the FOIA. In order to comply with this duty we would suggest that you submit question 4 to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to see if they hold any guidance.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

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You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team
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