

Date: 30/10/19
Our Ref: RFI2782
Your Ref: FOI Request – Transition Fund - Liverpool
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2782

Thank you for your recent email dated 16 October 2019 which provided clarification surrounding the wording of your request for information. Further to this correspondence we can confirm that we have closed your request as you have stated that it was not intended as a request for information made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. In our letter dated 8 October 2019 we relied on S43(2) of the FOIA to extend the statutory deadline for us to further conduct a public interest test on the information held for part of your request, the wording of this part of your request is below;

I refer to Document 1.5 which concerns the Total Amount (£9.3m) that was awarded to Liverpool Council (with £23.4m and £2.7m being awarded to Sefton Council and Wirral Council of Merseyside respectively). Unfortunately the document had not disclosed to me the breakdown of £9.3m for each of the 5 schemes. Would you please disclose the breakdown of £9.3m for each of the 5 schemes in Liverpool, as requested in my FOI request of 22 December 2018, as this would facilitate Liverpool Council in their planning for a smooth transition and in the implementation of their Exit Plan for the 5 Regeneration Areas and especially the Welsh Streets area.

Subsequently, we then later received clarification from you (dated 16 October 2019) that you did not want us to process this as a request for information and instead asked us to process the following as a request for information.

1. *Regarding [HE-Document 1.4] = Disclosure of documents relevant to or related to the Allocation Mechanism which was agreed by HCA and CLG on 08 September 2011 ??? as indicated in Annex A.*
2. *Regarding [HE-Document 1.4] and [HE-Document 1.5], = Disclosure of documents relevant to or related to the Allocation Formula being used in your calculation. If the breakdown of £9.3m for each of the 5 schemes in Liverpool was not available, PLEASE use one of these schemes which had successfully received an allocation from the £9.3m given by Homes England, as an illustration and also that for or related to the Welsh Streets Area.*
3. *Regarding [HE-Document 1.5] = Disclosure of documents relevant to or related to documents in the missing Web Link [HMR Transition funding has now been announced <http://www.communitie.ov.uk/new/corate20>] which was stated in the email of 24 November 2011 in Annex A.*

We will now process the above request as a new request for information.

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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Or by email to foi@homesengland.gov.uk

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
For Homes England