

Date: 13/12/19
Our Ref: RFI2846
Your Ref: FOI Request – Hull City Council - Grant Funding
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI2846

Thank you for your request for information, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

For clarification, you requested the following information:

Published documents from Hull City Council refer to “accelerated grant funding of circa £900,000” from Homes England, which it intends to allocate to demolition works at its Albion Square site in the city centre. An internet search turns up only a reference to a figure of £362,355 in a Homes England press release, dated 24 October 2019. Could you direct me, please, to any other appropriate announcement?*

The press release also refers to encouragement of local authorities to use “both local SMEs and modern methods of construction”, neither of which conditions appears to apply in this case.

Would you also be kind enough, please, to indicate the standard conditions attached to grant funding.

**Report to the Leader of the Council by the Assistant Director, Major Projects and Infrastructure, dated 8 October 2019*

Response

We can confirm that we hold some information that falls within the scope of your request.

Please find enclosed to this response Annex A which contains the standard conditions that are attached to a Grant Funding Agreement.

To provide advice and assistance in accordance with our duty under Section 16 of the FOIA we can confirm that an offer of Local Accelerated Construction grant funding of £900,000 has been made to Hull Council to support the development proposals for Albion Square in the city centre. Hull have advised that they would use the funding for works to prepare the site for development including demolition works.

We are currently discussing the terms of the Funding Agreement and hope to be able to enter into this agreement in December.

In terms of Modern Methods of construction, the Albion project and the Archbishop Thurstan project which benefitted from £362,355 Local Authority Accelerated Construction (LAAC) grant funding as referred to in Homes England’s press release will both be required to build using factory fabricated innovative sub-assemblies and components.

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We can confirm that no other announcements have been made in regard to this matter other than the one reference in your request.

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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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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