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Windsor House Homes England – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Dear

## RE: Request for Information – RFI3213

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

Could you please provide up to date Names, Job Titles, telephone numbers and email addresses for the following;

Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive Ministers and Ministerial team (if applicable) Chair Chief Information Officer Chief Digital Officer Senior Information Risk Owner Director of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology Director / Head of Finance Chief / Deputy Chief Operating Officer Head of Cyber Security Head / Director of People Heads of change / Transformation / Improvement Department Directors / Heads Board members (if applicable)

Or the equivalent job titles in your organisation.

In addition if you have an up to date 2020 senior staff organisation or structure chart could you please forward a copy to me in either Excel or pdf format.

#### **Response**

# Information relating to Names, Job Titles, Telephone numbers and email addresses

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on Section 40(2) and Section 21 of the FOIA to withhold the information from disclosure.



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#### Section 40 – Personal information

We are withholding information on the grounds that in constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages section 40(2) of the FOIA.

To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exemption is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link; <u>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/40</u>

#### Section 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

In relation to some of the senior members of staff and Board Members, some of the information you have requested is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21

## 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1)Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2)For the purposes of subsection (1)-

(a)information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b)information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3)For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

## Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can advise that job titles of some senior staff and our board members are published on our website on the following links:

'Our Management' : <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/homes-england</u>

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'Our Board' : <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/homes-england/about/our-governance#homes-england-board</u>

We can advise that the senior staff in the above links can be contacted via our central enquiries team either by email (<u>enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk</u>) or by phone (0300 1234 500).

## Information relating to Structure Chart:

Please find attached Annex A, the most up to date structure chart detailing our senior staff. Please note that individuals' names that are not in the public domain have been redacted under section 40(2).

#### **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;

The Information Governance Team Homes England – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Windsor House 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Or by email to infogov@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,

The Information Governance Team For Homes England

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