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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4027

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

- (1) *When was your organisation's framework agreement last reviewed or updated?*
- (2) *Do you carry out impact assessments before introducing a new policy or regulation?*
- (3) *Do you keep a register of interests for board members or senior figures, and if so, can you please supply me with a copy of the latest version?*
- (4) *Do you keep a register of hospitality/gifts received by board members or senior figures, and if so, can you also supply me with data for the last three years?*

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

(1) *When was your organisation's framework agreement last reviewed or updated?*

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. Our current existing framework agreement which dates from 2018 is publicly available on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-england-framework-document>.

The Homes England Framework Document is currently being jointly reviewed and updated by both the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and Homes England, in line with HM Treasury guidance. The refreshed Framework Document will be laid in Parliament and published in due course.

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(2) Do you carry out impact assessments before introducing a new policy or regulation?

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request, which we have interpreted as referring to Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs) applicable to government departments as detailed on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/impact-assessments-guidance-for-government-departments>.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can advise that Homes England are an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Homes England does not have policy or regulatory responsibilities and does not introduce policies or regulations as this is the responsibility of DLUHC.

(3) Do you keep a register of interests for board members or senior figures, and if so, can you please supply me with a copy of the latest version?

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can advise that the register is publicly available on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-england-register-of-interests>.

(4) Do you keep a register of hospitality/gifts received by board members or senior figures, and if so, can you also supply me with data for the last three years?

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested, which is enclosed with this response as Annex A.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to advise that our Gifts & Hospitality Policy is publicly available on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hospitality-and-gifts>.



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Furthermore, we can advise that the Board's Gifts & Hospitality Register is due to be published alongside the Board's Register of Interests. This publication is delayed as a result of the current National Mourning Period and will be published once the National Mourning has concluded.

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. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 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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Gifts and Hospitality Register 2021 and 2022

Date of Event	Member/Staff	Position	Event details	Cost (Estimate)	Comments	Accepted/Declined
26 May 2021	Peter Freeman	Chair	Lunch Ian Marcus OBE	£60	30 years' business relationship. Ian was commenting on National Regeneration Fund ideas.	Accepted
13 September 2021	Peter Freeman	Chair	Create Streets Foundation Dinner Beefsteak Club	£50	Invited as one of 25 guests across the place-making sector.	Accepted
16 September 2021	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	Quality of Life Foundation Dinner at Heritage Suite, 9 Millbank, Westminster	£100	Invite from Quality of Life Foundation, a Charity promoting improvement of the Built Environment	Accepted
30 September 2021	Peter Freeman	Chair	Connected Places Catapult Board Dinner	£50	Invited as one of 50 guests. Catapult seeks to accelerate innovation for cities, transport and place leadership.	Accepted
1 October 2021	Peter Freeman	Chair	MEPC (Property Developer) 75th Anniversary Lunch at IOD	£45	Invited as one of 150 guests. Peter is a former NED of MEPC.	Accepted
16 October 2021	Peter Freeman	Chair	Future of Cities Dinner/Cushman & Wakefield The Langham	£60	Invited as one of 30 guests. Has a long term relationship with C&W, a major firm of surveyors.	Accepted
17 October 2021	Peter Freeman	Chair	Knight Frank 125th anniversary party Nobu Portman Sq.	£30	Invited as one of many guests. Has a long term relationship with KF, a major firm of estate agents	Accepted
25 November 2021	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	Lloyds Bank / Homes England: Breakfast 1 Lombard Street Brasserie, 1 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AA	£25	Breakfast with MD of Lloyd's national housing business. Agency has a number of joint interests with Lloyds Bank.	Accepted
1 December 2021	Peter Freeman	Chair	RESI Awards Grosvenor House Hotel	£100	Invited by Editor of Property Week to receive Residential Personality of the Year Award	Accepted
22 February 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	Dinner at Heddon Street Kitchen, 3-9 Heddon Street, London, W1B 4BE	£45	Invited received from HGP Architects firm	Accepted
14 March 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Real Estate Live & Avison Young UK City Regions Investor Reception (during MIPIM Conference)	£20	Invited as one of many guests. Have a long term relationship with Avison Young, a major real estate firm.	Accepted
14 March 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Dinner at Paradiso, Hotel Barriere (during MIPIM Conference)	£70	Met to discuss Homes England work with Stoke Council	Accepted
15 March 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	MIPIM Urban Land Institute Europe Leadership Dinner with CEO	£100	Urban Land Institute is a network of cross-disciplinary real estate and land use experts.	Accepted
15 March 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Lunch at Le Fouquet with CEO of Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (at MIPIM Conference)	£40	Homes England is invested in projects in Ebbsfleet.	Accepted
15 March 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Dinner with Berkley CEO at La Villa Archange (at MIPIM Conference)	£100	Personal and Homes England relationship with housebuilder	Accepted
16 March 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	British Property Federation at UK Investor Breakfast (at MIPIM Conference)	£50	Breakfast involved numerous Homes England stakeholders and partners	Accepted
16 March 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	Berkeley Group - Private Dinner and Debate (at MIPIM Conference)	£100	Berkeley Group - Private Dinner and Debate with a small group of leaders from the public and private sectors.	Accepted
14 April 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Breakfast at The Londoner Hotel with Starwood Capital Group	£25	Introductory meeting with senior executive in property opportunity fund (one of the investors in Silvertown)	Accepted
04 May 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Lunch with Breckland Council	£40	Meeting with senior figures in local government	Accepted
04 May 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Dinner Lord Taylor/Peter Bateman & Greg Mitchell, Summix Worcester	£40	Dinner	Accepted

11 May 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	ULI Europe - Brussels : ULI European Leadership Awards Dinner, Vaudeville Theatre, Galerie de la Reine 13, 1000 Brussels	£100	Brussels (speaking event and panel session on 12th)	Accepted
13 May 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	Radio 1 Roadshow Big Weekend, War Memorial Park, Kenilworth Rd, Coventry CV3 6PT	£61.50	Invite from Coventry CC 3 x tickets £20.50 per ticket	Accepted
17 May 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	UKREiiF Conference - UKREiiF Gala Dinner, Royal Armouries Hall, Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds, LS10 1LT	£75	Invite from Leeds City Council. CEO and Chair were both guests at this event.	Accepted
17 May 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	UKREiiF Awards Dinner, Leeds with JLL Real Estate services	£75	Invite from Leeds City Council. CEO and Chair were both guests at this event.	Accepted
18 May 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Lloyds Bank Housing Dinner, The Ned, London	£90	Agency has various joint relationships with Lloyds Bank	Accepted
19 May 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	British Property Federation Residential Dinner, Plaisterers' Hall in the City of London, One London Wall, London, EC2Y 5JU	£50	Dinner involved numerous Homes England stakeholders and partners	Accepted
20 May 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Dinner with Arlington Real Estate, Durham	£35	Weekend site visit at invitation of Durham-based developer Arlington	Accepted
21 May 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Dinner with Arlington Real Estate, Durham	£35	Weekend site visit at invitation of Durham-based developer Arlington	Accepted
07 June 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Lunch with Phil Sullivan & Ruadrih Jackson Osteria Basilico	£35	Phil Sullivan is a former colleague of the Chair's from UK Property Developer Argent	Accepted
09 June 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Breakfast with Scarborough Group, Ivy Victoria	£20	Invite from a significant northern developer	Accepted
17 June 2022	Peter Freeman & Peter Denton	Chair & CEO	Use of car lent by Urban & Civic	£200	On 17th June, the Chair and CEO, together with three other government officials and a representative from Ellandi, were returning from a meeting with the Leader of Stoke City Council and local MPs. Their train was unable to go beyond Rugby due to a trackside fire, so they borrowed a car from Urban & Civic's site nearby, to return to London. Urban & Civic are partners and stakeholders in a number of Homes England projects.	Accepted
05 July 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	British Property Foundation Summer Reception 2022 One Great George Street, London SW1P 3AA	£20	Breakfast involved numerous Homes England stakeholders and partners	Accepted
08 July 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Lunch after Rural Housing Roundtable Invited by CEO of English Rural Housing Association	£25	Housing Roundtable (23 attending) attended by the Princess Royal and senior housing industry figures.	Accepted
28 June 2022	Ian Austin	Board Member	Lunch with the Chief Exec of Midland Heart	£30	This meeting did not concern Homes England business, but declaring for transparency, since Midland Heart is a Strategic Partner of the Agency	Accepted
12 July 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Lunch with Jonathan Ruffer The Auckland project	£50	Jonathan Ruffer is the philanthropist behind the regeneration of Bishop Auckland and wanted advice.	Accepted

26 July 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	Breakfast with CEO of Stanhope	£25	Stanhope are a developer, investor and asset manager with involvement in Homes England projects	Accepted
08 August 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	2 x tickets for Closing Ceremony at Commonwealth Games in Birmingham	£260	Complimentary tickets offered by Coventry CC	Declined
08 August 2022	Peter Freeman	Chair	2 x tickets for Closing Ceremony at Commonwealth Games in Birmingham	£260	Complimentary tickets offered by Birmingham CC	Declined
03 September 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	2 x tickets for Coventry Godiva Festival 2022, War Memorial Park, Coventry	£25	Complimentary tickets offered by Coventry CC	Declined
03 September 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	VIP evening with BBC Proms ENO at Printworks London	£25	Invite received from The Canada Water team at British Land	Declined
08 September 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	House of Lords dinner with Lord Best	£50	Lord Best is a Peer with interests in housing and planning	Accepted
12 September 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	An evening hosted by The Housing Practice at Odgers includes dinner at Asha's, 12-22 Newhall St, Birmingham B3 3LX	£50	Event following National Housing Conference, Birmingham	Declined
16 September 2022	Peter Denton	Chief Executive	Harvest Dinner, Birmingham Cathedral, Cathedral Square, Colmore Row, B3 2QB	£50	Invite received from Grand Union Arts CIO	Declined