

Date: 2 July 2024 Our Ref: RFI4789 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI4789

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:

Cladding Safety Scheme

Could you please provide the following information:

- 1. When did ARC receive the 1.6m?
- 2. Have they received other funds, and if so, how much, when, what for/why?
- 3. Are they soon to be in receipt of further funds, and if so, how much, when, what for/why?
- 4. Kindly provide a breakdown of the 1.6m funding across the 4 bullet points as per your letter dated 22 May 2024.

<u>Response</u>

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

1. When did ARC receive the 1.6m?

We can confirm that £1,599,150 was paid on 18 March 2024 to Abercorn Residential Complex (ARC).

2. Have they received other funds, and if so, how much, when, what for/why?

We can confirm that no other funds have been paid to ARC.

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3. Are they soon to be in receipt of further funds, and if so, how much, when, what for/why? We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Cladding Safety team who would have the requested information if held.

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. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that further funding decisions have yet been reached.

4. Kindly provide a breakdown of the 1.6m funding across the 4 bullet points as per your letter dated 22 May 2024.

We are able to confirm that the £1,599,150 is a total pre-tender support award, which is not broken down into the potential spend areas of; costs and expenses, appointing a professional team, consultancy or carrying out a competitive tender to undertake the work.

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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