

Date: 9 January 2025 Our Ref: RFI4985 Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information - RFI4985

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:

Please can you provide me with the full name and email contact details of all existing Homes England pension trustees. The reply to differentiate between trustees that are elected or nominated by the pension scheme members and employer nominated trustees.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. The names and nomination details of the trustees are as follows:

Name of Trustee:	Nomination details:
John Hope	Employer nominated
Jackie Molloy	Employer nominated
Ros Holden	Employer nominated
Ian Knight	Scheme member nominated
Terry Errington	Scheme member nominated
Kevin Tierney	Pensioner nominated

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We can also confirm that the Chair is Lord Jordan of Bournville.

In regard to the email contract details for all existing pension trustees, we can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on Section 40 (2) of the FOIA to withhold the information from disclosure.

<u>Section 40 – Personal information</u>

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, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the breach one or more of the data protection principles. In this instance it would not be fair to make such disclosures as the Trustees rightly and reasonably have privacy expectations in relation to their personal contact details.

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:

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/40

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 there is a Pensions Manager who oversees the scheme. The Pensions Manager is in regular contact with the Trustees and would be happy to assist you with any queries you might have about the scheme.

The Pensions Manager can be contacted via the email address: pensionadmin@homesengland.gov.uk

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In addition, the postal address for the Trustees is:

The Trustees of the Homes and Communities Agency Pension Scheme C/O Homes England
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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.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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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 these criteria may lead to your request being refused.

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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 TeamFor Homes England

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