



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our Ref: ATISN 11382

23 August 2017

Dear ,

Re: Freedom of Information Complaint and request in relation to Pembrokeshire Town Centre Loan Monitoring Reports

Having received the documentation I am content that your request for this information was correct in being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the information submitted to you was as per your request.

The original response was provided to you on 4th July 2017 in relation to your request for information regarding monitoring reports that Welsh Government receive from Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC). My understanding is that six reports were submitted to you, three for the quarterly reporting period up to the 31st March 2017 and three for the period ending 30th June 2017. Two of the projects for Haverfordwest for both periods had financial information redacted from them. You have now stated that you require full disclosure of the financial information per report showing:

- The total current funding available committed and uncommitted
- The total funding currently committed less funding repaid
- The total value of further applications being considered

You have also stated your underlying complaint is the fact the addresses were disclosed when there was no need and wish us to undertake an internal review into our response.

Firstly, your underlying complaint regarding the disclosure of addresses. As the addresses are part of the monitoring reports which you asked to see, this information was caught within your request. When considering the information within the reports for release, it was identified that the information relating to specific addresses was already a matter of public record, having been published by PCC. Exemptions cannot be applied to information which is a matter of public record, so this information could not be properly withheld. On this aspect of your complaint I do not uphold your complaint.

In respect to your further request for the current funding and applications please see annex B which hopefully covers your query. However, we do not collect the total value of applications being considered as part of our monitoring information, this is kept within the local authority and I would suggest that you contact them directly regarding this element.

I have reviewed the information that was released to you and the redactions that were applied. I have considered the arguments put forward by Viv Lewis in her initial response and those put forward by yourself through the internal review process and have concluded for reasons set out in the original response letter that the exemptions have been properly applied. I therefore do not uphold this aspect of the complaint and this information therefore is still withheld under section 22 and section 43(2) of the FOIA.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at;

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Tel: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

<http://mgenglish.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=281&MId=3521&Ver=4&LLL=0>

This information has been restricted

- By Virtue of Paragraph 14

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Condition:

Information is not exempt if it is required to be registered under-

- The Companies Act 1985
- The Friendly Societies Act 1974
- The Friendly Societies Act 1992
- The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978
- The Building Societies Act 1986 (recorded in the public file of any building society, within the meaning of the Act)
- The Charities Act 1993

Information is exempt to the extent that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

Minutes:

DECISION

(a) That the indicative allocations for Motorworld (TCL03) and Ocky White (TCL04), as set out in the report of the Director of Development, be approved.

(b) That the offer of Town Centre Loan Funding for 36 Main Street (TCL01) and the Pembroke House Hotel (TCL02), as set out in the report of the Director of Development, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To comply with Welsh Government grant requirements and to contribute to the Single Integrated Plan and Corporate Improvement Plan priority of town centre regeneration.

Annex B

Pembrokeshire County Council Town Centre Loan Scheme Overview		Comments
Total Current Funding Available (Funding Committed plus Funding Uncommitted)	£2,250,000 (£1,250,000+£1,000,000)	This information is available on our website: http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/regeneration/vibrant-and-viable-places/town-centre-loans-fund/pembrokeshire/?lang=en
Total Funding Currently Committed (less funding repaid)	£1,250,000 (no funding has been repaid at this time)	Committed projects information is available on PCC website: http://mgenglish.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=281&MId=3521&Ver=4&LLL=0 Application for commitment of remaining funds is also available on the PCC website: http://mgenglish.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=281&MId=3740&Ver=4&LLL=0
Total Value of Further Applications being Considered	Not a reporting requirement	The information you have requested is not held by the Welsh Government. However, I believe that Pembrokeshire County Council holds information which you are seeking. You can ask them for the information at mailto:gwyn.evans@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or I can transfer your request to them. Please inform me in writing if you would like me to transfer your request.

Breakdown by Period

Period Ending	March 2015	June 2015	September 2015	December 2015	March 2016	June 2016	September 2016	December 2016
Funding Available	£1,250,000	£1,250,000	£1,250,000	£1,250,000	£1,250,000	£1,250,000	£1,250,000	£1,250,000
Funding Committed	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£20,000	£1,250,000	£1,250,000

Period Ending	March 2017	June 2017
Funding Available	£2,250,000	£2,250,000
Funding Committed	£1,250,000	£1,250,000