Further to your Information request FOI66734 please find your questions and our responses below:

Since 1 April 2014 until 16 August 2014:

All electronic communications between the organisation's FOI team/employees responsible for compliance with the Act and the Local Government Association (LGA) relating to Freedom of Information requests and the processing/answering of requests.

For example: I am aware of the LGA and associated organisation LLG requesting views on FOI from local authorities earlier this year in correspondence entitled: “FOI information wanted”

In this correspondence the LGA requested:

“Please pass this request to your info officer(s) to respond to the LGA with as much info on the above lines as possible, to inform the LGA’s discussions with the Government. Whilst FOI is now a fact of life, it may be possible and practical to make some changes to the system which may compensate LAs for the cost of people and bodies exploiting the system for commercial purposes. Please send information to xxxx@local.gov.uk [email address redacted]”

(highlighted here: http://www.cfoi.org.uk/2014/05/move-to-restrict-use-of-foi-by-campaigners-criticised/)

Please provide all other communications with the LGA (from both the council and the LGA) relating to FOI requests during the time period requested.

To help the retrieval of this information, for my request, I will be willing to accept the communications to/from any email addresses which end with @local.gov.uk - the web domain of the LGA.

Please redact any personal details which would be exempt under the Act, such as names of junior staff who would not expect their details to be put into/already exist, in the public domain.

If my request is likely to exceed cost estimates set out by the Act I would be grateful of your advice and assistance under S16 of the Act to help me refine the request to fall within the disclosure limits.

Response

Information not held
If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:
Information Management Team Manager  
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead  
Town Hall, St Ives Road  
Maidenhead  
SL6 1RF

or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

We are proud to be one of the leading authorities in England for consistently responding to information requests within the 20 working days set down by statute. Information about our performance and summaries of requests received can be found on our website:

http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/foi_information_requests.htm

We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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