

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 12 July 2024

Public Authority: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Address: Riverside House
Main Street
Rotherham
South Yorkshire
S60 1AE

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council on 3 March 2024 in relation to a learnings from an alleged maladministration:

"I am therefore requesting the release of all information that pertains the council's lessons learned exercise as ordered by the Housing Ombudman, Fulfilment of the above request should include all correspondence and documentation relating to the lesson's learned exercise including all relevant letters, documents, emails, phone call and other logs. These activities were likely to have been carried out between 20th December 2023 and the 3rd of March 2024. I recommended contacting the RMBC's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as they are most likely to have been involved in the exercise."

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner
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