

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 18 July 2024

Public Authority: Morecambe Town Council

Address: Morecambe Town Hall
Marine Road East
Morecambe
LA4 5AF

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Morecambe Town Council on 18 April 2024:

"As a matter of public interest, I write to make a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Freedom of Information Requests made to Lancaster City Council by Morecambe Town Council since 1st January 2021 to date.

I request to be provided with the information listed below:

The date the Freedom of Information request was issued, and the nature of the information requested and whether this information was available in the public domain.

A recent Freedom of Information request to Lancaster City Council dated [redacted] was made by [redacted] in [redacted] capacity as [redacted] requesting information regarding remuneration paid to [redacted] by the way of an annual allowance as an elected member of Lancaster City Council. This information is available in the public domain, which wastes valuable Lancaster City Council officer time."

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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Wilmslow
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