

Response to Request for Information

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Type of request Freedom of Information / Environmental Information Request

GCP - Project specific workshops

Could you please release the date, time, location, agendas, minutes (or equivalent) and other papers / presentations for:

- * Project specific workshops to which councillors have been invited and
- * Board and Joint Assembly Working Groups.

I would like to restrict my request to events scheduled after the 26th of July 2017. I am requesting information relating to both past events and those planned for the future.

I would like to suggest this material is routinely pro-actively made available via the Greater Cambridge Partnership website.

Please find attached information for LLF workshops, the majority of information which has since been published on the GCP website. Please also find attached copies of Working Group material for the Smart work stream, the only working group to fall within the time period requested.

These have been disclosed in full except for some minor redactions of information relating to individuals and third party organisations. This information is exempt from disclosure under Sections 40 ("personal data"), 41 ("provided in confidence") and 43(2) ("prejudice commercial interests") of the FOI Act. It is in the public interest that organisations can share information with the Council with the expectation that we would respect its confidentiality and not further disclose it. Not taking this stance would result in such organisations being unwilling to keep us informed of potential plans that may be of relevance. Disclosure of the information would prejudice commercial interests by making other organisations (competitors etc) aware of future plans and matters being considered internally by these organisations that are not in the public domain and would not otherwise be put into the public domain.

The personal data withheld under Section 40 includes removing names of residents that attended the 19 September workshop and also individual contact details from the RTH invites list.

Workshop materials are now routinely published on the GCP website as soon as possible after the event to include agenda, delegate list and presentations.

Working groups are non-decision making meetings between members of the Executive Board, Joint Assembly and officers, offering a safe space in which issues emerging from early policy development can be discussed and challenged in an open and frank way. Matters subsequently taken forward for policy

development and decision form part of published reports in accordance with the Local Government Act, with decisions taken in public. In the future, details of GCP working groups will be published on the GCP website on a six monthly basis.

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