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## Freedom of Information Act Request – F0019105

Dear Christopher Chiswell

Thank you for your information request of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. You requested the following information:

- 1) The assessment tool used to evaluate and score the success of tranche 1 funding and tranche 2 proposals for a local authority***
- 2) The information used by the department to evaluate Gloucestershire county council's tranche 1 schemes, and subsequently to determine the tranche 2 award***
- 3) The scoring and comments made on the submitted Gloucestershire county council bid, the feedback provided to the local authority, and any related correspondence***

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you.

I am writing to confirm that the Department does hold most of the information you requested. Details are provided below.

### Question 1:

Copies of the assessment frameworks for the Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 are attached.

### Question 2:

Copies of Gloucestershire's bids for the Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 are attached. In all the information that we have disclosed to you we have redacted the names of junior third party officials. This information is being withheld under section 40(2)&(3A)(a) of the Act. These individuals have a reasonable expectation that their names will not be placed into the public domain. To do so would be unfair and would contravene current Data Protection legislation. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and so there is no requirement to carry out a public interest test.

### **Question 3:**

#### For EATF Tranche 1

Feedback for tranche one of the Active Travel Fund was supplied to Local Authorities on request. The Department does not have a record of receiving a request for feedback from Gloucestershire County Council. I have attached a spreadsheet containing the assessors scores and comments for the bid.

#### For Tranche 2

I have attached a spreadsheet containing the assessors scores and comments for the bid.

The following feedback was provided directly to Gloucestershire County Council.

#### Bid Feedback and Further Evidence Required

##### Summary of feedback for bids that received less than 100%:

Lack of detail on how bid meets strategic objectives. Project not effectively prioritised as allocation is greatly exceeded. No evidence that LA has followed stated design standards. Some evidence to support commercial case but more detail could be provided to ensure certainty of delivery.

Further evidence required:

- Provide further evidence on how you will meet design standards set out in LTN 1/20

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Yours sincerely

**J Sweetman**

**Active Travel Division, Department for Transport**

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