

Ms Ally Tibbitt

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Dear Ms Tibbitt

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)  
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: REFERENCE: CNPA FOI-230**

Thank you for your email dated 22 September 2018, in which you asked for the following information:

*I am interested in information from held by your organisation that relates to the process of planning and preparing for a possible future when the UK may not be a member of the European Union ("Brexit").*

*In particular:*

- 1. How much has been spent on external consultants or support to advise on the implications and consequences of Brexit, or recommend actions to mitigate any possible Brexit impacts? If spend has occurred, please confirm the name of the supplier or suppliers and copies of any material produced by this process.*
- 2. Please supply copies of any Brexit planning documentation held by the organisation or consumed by senior management. This may include, but should not be limited to, Risk Assessments, Action Plans, Meeting minutes, Reports and presentations.*
- 3. Please supply technical or advisory briefing documentation on Brexit that has been produced by the organisation and supplied to other government agencies or bodies.*
- 4. Please supply copies of any technical or advisory documentation that has been supplied to the agency from other public bodies that relates to Brexit contingency planning.*
- 5. Please supply details of any assessment that has been made of the financial impact on the organisation, either positive or negative, of the Brexit process. Has the organisation set-aside a contingency fund or invested as a direct consequence of the Brexit process? If so, please provide summary details.*

We are handling your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). Your unique reference number is: CNPA FOI-230 and you should quote this reference in any correspondence relating to this particular request.

## **Responses to Request**

Our responses to each section of your information request are set out in this section.

1. With regard to part 1 of your request, we give you notice under section 17 (1) (b) of FOISA that information is not held. We have no records of spending on these items.

2. With regard to part 2 of your request, we give you notice under section 25 of FOISA that some information held by the Authority relevant to your request has not been released as this information is already available on the Authority's website as part of our publication scheme.

In this regards, the Authority's Strategic Risk register is available at:

<http://cairngorms.co.uk/resource/docs/boardpapers/31082018/180831AuCtteePaper7Annex1StrategicRiskRegisterV0.3.pdf>

Consideration of the impact of potential withdrawal of the UK from the EU on our accountability for the Cairngorms part-EU funded LEADER programme is available at:

<http://cairngorms.co.uk/resource/docs/boardpapers/08122017/171208FinanceCtteePaper2LEADERSupport.pdf>

Other reports referred to in this above report are also available on the Authority's website within Finance and Delivery Committee papers for the specified dates, as are minutes of those meetings:

<http://cairngorms.co.uk/authority/meetings/>

I also enclose a number of documents that have relevance to this item of your information request.

3. With regard to part 3 of your request, we give you notice under section 17 (1) (b) of FOISA that information is not held.
4. With regard to part 4 of your request, we give you notice under section 17 (1) (b) of FOISA that information is not held.
5. With regard to part 5 of your request, we give you notice under section 25 of FOISA that information held by the Authority relevant to your request has not been released as this information is already available on the Authority's website as part of our publication scheme.

In this regards, the Authority's Strategic Risk register is available at:

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Strategic risk R2 included in this document deal with consideration of the potential financial impacts of EU exit.

I also enclose a document relating to assessment of EU exit work and its associated costs.

## **General Release**

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2000/ Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The information you requested may be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

## Appeals Process

If you are not satisfied with the response provided you have the right to ask the Authority to review its actions and decisions in relation to your request for information. You have 40 working days from the date of this letter to request a formal review from the Authority.

A request for a review should be made in writing or other permanent form such as an audio or video recording to David Cameron, Corporate Services Director, to the address shown at the top of this letter or by email to [davidcameron@cairngorms.co.uk](mailto:davidcameron@cairngorms.co.uk) if that is preferable to sending a letter. The request should give details of why you are dissatisfied with the response. We are required to respond within 20 working days to a request for a review of our decision on the information supplied.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the results of our review, you may apply, either in writing or online, to the Scottish Information Commissioner to make a determination on this matter. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS  
Tel: 01334 464610  
Fax: 01334 464611  
e-mail: [enquires@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquires@itspublicknowledge.info)  
website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)

Please note that the Scottish Information Commissioner can only take action if you have requested the Authority to review its decision and have allowed the Authority 20 working days to reply. An application to the Commissioner must be made within six months from the date of receipt of our response to your request for a review. Thereafter if you are dissatisfied with the Commissioner's decision you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

This letter has been sent electronically to [request-521109-af5b1bfl@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-521109-af5b1bfl@whatdotheyknow.com). If you would like a hard copy signed letter then please do not hesitate to contact me with a postal address.

Yours sincerely

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**Corporate Support Office**

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