

FOI: 26269169

Can you list all businesses and other organisations which have got grants which the council has been given due to COVID-19?

Also can you if possible list businesses and organisations which Tower Hamlets councilors or officers have a financial interest in?

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have enclosed copies of an excel spreadsheet showing lists of businesses who received the Small Business Grant Fund, Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund, Discretionary Grant Scheme, Local Restrictions Support Grant and the Additional Restrictions Grant. Please note that names of individuals have been removed.

I can confirm that the remainder of the information you have requested is held by Tower Hamlets Council, by law. However, I'm unable to give this to you.

The information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA). The information is personal data as defined by the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). As it is information about someone else I'm unable to give this to you; release of this information would constitute a breach of Principle 1 of the DPA. Principle 1 states that personal data shall be processed (used) fairly and lawfully and transparently, in particular, shall not be used unless at least one of the conditions in Article 6 (and when relevant, Article 9) of the GDPR is met; in this case none of those conditions have been met.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice.