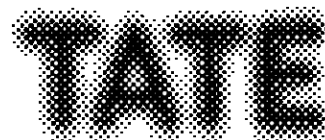


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Date: 9 October 2013

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Dear Mr Tarman

Freedom Of Information Request [Tate Ref: 431] – Request relating to the membership of Tate Councils and Committees.

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 15 September 2013. Please see below your questions and our responses.

The response to your request consists of this letter and an appendix setting out the membership of Tate's Councils and Committees.

Q1. The current Membership of the Tate Board's Councils and Committees

Please see the appendix. This document is correct as at 9 October 2013.

Q2. The reason why Tate does not have an up to date list publicly available on its website. The version Tate provides for the public here <http://www.tate.org.uk/download/file/fid/4783> (at the url <http://www.tate.org.uk/about/who-we-are/board-of-trustees/sub-committees>) is dated 26 April 2011 i.e. over 2 years' out of date. The information provided by Tate is undoubtedly incorrect: many Tate Trustees listed are now retired, other members are possibly no longer involved in varied Council and Committees and new Trustees are in place, presumably some of whom are on Committees, and, in all probability, some new members have been co-opted.

The document that you saw on Tate's website dates from before the website was upgraded (and it is an oversight that the document in question has not been updated). We publish information on the membership of our Councils and Committees through other means.

Tate's Councils and Committees comprise the 'non-executive' aspects of Tate's governance. The overall membership of all these Councils and Committees is published in the annual Tate Report. Some of the Committees have decision-making authority and the membership of these is published in the Annual Accounts. The most recent versions of these documents are available on Tate's website at the following URLs:

<http://www.tate.org.uk/download/file/fid/31113>

<http://www.tate.org.uk/download/file/fid/30359>

Q3. *Given all members of the Councils and Committees are appointed by the Tate Board, how does the fact that Tate has not provided the public (including Tate Members) and other stakeholders with the names of the persons on the Sub Committees and Advisory Councils of the governing Board of Trustees for over two years fit with:*

- i. Tate's Vision to 2015 'to be more Open'*
- ii. Tate's Ethics Policy "duty to the public to be transparent and accountable"*
- iii. The Openness Principle of the Principles of Public Life which Tate Board and staff, 'like others who serve the public', 'should follow' (the Nolan Committee) ("Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions they take. They should [...] restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.")*

As set out above, the information you have requested is already published by Tate. The reason why it is not published in the format of the summary you saw on our website has been explained.

Q4. *If there is any reason why Tate cannot provide the public a current Membership of the Tate Board's Councils and Committees on the Tate website at all times, and, if so, what that might be.*

With regard to the document that is the subject of your question, although we are satisfied that we are fulfilling our obligations by publishing updated information annually in the Tate Report and Annual Accounts, we recognise your point with regard to clarity and transparency. We will update the version currently on the website.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request for information, you may seek an internal review of this response by replying in writing to this letter. Tate will respond to your request for a review within 20 working days of the receipt of that request.

If you remain dissatisfied with Tate's response following an internal review, you may seek an independent adjudication on the matter from the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at:

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Or you may telephone on: 01625 545 745

Yours sincerely



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