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Ref No: FOI2015/24704

Dear Mr Thomas,

Thank you for your email of 7th January 2016 where you requested an Internal Review of FOI2015/24704 where you asked;

“ I am writing to request an internal review of Department of Energy and Climate Change's handling of my FOI request 'Government funding of Bristol Green Capital'.

I accepted that there would be a delay in replying, and that the Christmas break has intervened, but I would like you to begin an enquiry to the progress in my request, and ask for a proposed date for response. You had stated that a reply would be provided by the 30th December.”

Your request was handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs). In compliance with the EIRs I have conducted an internal review of the handling of your request.

Your request was received on 4th November 2015. The EIRs obliges us to respond to requests promptly and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, by regulation 7 the period of 20 working days may be extended up to a total of 40 working days if we reasonably believe that the complexity and volume of the information requested means that it is impractical to comply with a request within the earlier period or to make a decision to refuse to do so. The Department wrote to you on 2nd December to inform you further time was needed to reply to your request. You were provided with a new response date of 30 December but unfortunately further time was required after this date. I note that the Department responded to you on the 26th January providing answers to your question. Please accept my apologies for the delay and any inconvenience caused.

Appeals Procedure

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The

Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Director
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