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Mr Jonathan Jones
Via email

Date: 02 August 2018

Dear Mr Jones

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 3806075

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 18 June 2018 and which we received clarification for on 06 July 2018.

Your request was

"Can you please answer the following questions on MHCLG responsibility for local authority governance;

1 does MHCLG have a statutory responsibility to ensure local authorities are financially sustainable?

2 if so which legislation and how do you ensure this, if not is that still an MHCLG objective and if so how do you ensure this?

3 are local authorities underwritten by a sovereign guarantee?

4 Melanie dawes told the public accounts committee in may 2018 that she was certain no other councils were close to issuing a s114 notice, supply the evidence for this statement

5 she also said there is a local authority risk register, please share the latest version

6 please share all correspondence to max caller within the last year (email, text, WhatsApp, etc) This was narrowed down on to all correspondence to Max Caller within the last year relating to the Northamptonshire County council Best Value inspection

7 please share the first draft of max callers best value inspection report into ncc".

This request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

I can confirm that some but not all of the information you have requested is held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government. Please see below for

our response to each of your questions which explains which information is held and which is not held. In regard to the information we do hold, some of this is being released to you and some is being withheld under Section 36(2)(c) and Section 40(2) of the FOIA. More information on these exemptions and why they have been applied is provided below.

Question 1 - does MHCLG have a statutory responsibility to ensure local authorities are financially sustainable?

MCHLG does not have a statutory responsibility to ensure local authorities are financially sustainable. Responsibility for ensuring the financial sustainability of local authorities rests with each authority and with their Section 151 Officer. This is set out in primary legislation as follows:

- Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires that “every local authority should make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs”. Hence the description of Chief Finance Officers in local authorities as the “Section 151 Officer”.
- Section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 requires that Section 151 Officers are members of one of six named accountancy institutes.
- Section 114(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 gives the Section 151 Officer the power to issue a “section 114 notice” if “it appears to him that the expenditure of the authority incurred (including expenditure it proposes to incur) in a financial year is likely to exceed the resources (including sums borrowed) available to it to meet that expenditure.”
- Section 115 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 requires a local authority in receipt of a report issued under Section 114 of the 1988 Act to consider the report and agree mitigating action if appropriate within 21 days. During the period between the report being issued and considered Section 115(6) provides that “the authority shall not enter into any new agreement which may involve the incurring of expenditure (at any time) by the authority unless the chief finance officer of the authority authorises it to do so” and Section 115(6A) sets conditions that the Section 151 Officer must follow before authorising expenditure during a prohibition period.
- Sections 31A (Billing Authorities) and 42A (Major Precepting Authorities) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires local authorities to set a Council Tax Requirement each year that balances their annual revenue budget.
- In calculating the balanced budget Section 26 of the Local Government Act 2003 and regulations made under that section requires the authority to maintain an appropriate level of unallocated reserves commensurate with sound financial risk management. It is for the Section 151 Officer to judge what an appropriate level is.
- Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires the Section 151 Officer to report to the authority on:
 - “(a)the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the (Budget) calculations, and
 - (b)the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.” The authority is required to have regard to the report when setting the annual balanced budget.
- Section 13(3) of the Local Government Act 2003 makes it clear that “All money borrowed by a local authority (whether before or after the coming into force of this section), together with any interest on the money borrowed, shall be charged indifferently on all the revenues of the authority.”

Question 2 - if so which legislation and how do you ensure this, if not is that still an MHCLG objective and if so how do you ensure this?

As detailed in our response to Question 1 above, the responsibility for ensuring the financial sustainability of local authorities rests with each authority.

Local government, through elected councillors (and, where applicable, mayors), is accountable to its local communities for the proper stewardship of all of its resources. Over recent years, Government policy has been to free local authorities from some of the previous Governments' accounting and reporting requirements, and to devolve greater powers and accountability to them, including through the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016

Nevertheless, there remains a role for Accounting Officers in government to maintain the statutory framework of legal duties and financial controls on local authorities, to ensure proper democratic accountability, transparency, public scrutiny and audit.

As the Accounting Officer for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Melanie Dawes is responsible for the core local government accountability framework for local authorities and for ensuring that it is working and contains the right checks and balances.

The department's responsibilities in this respect are set out in Melanie Dawes' Accountability System Statement for Local Government. This can be accessed by the link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/624246/DCLG_Accounting_Officer_System_Statement.pdf

Question 3 - are local authorities underwritten by a sovereign guarantee?

No. Local authorities are not underwritten by a sovereign guarantee. Please see our answer to Question 1 above for more information on local authorities' financial responsibilities.

Question 4 - Melanie dawes told the public accounts committee in may 2018 that she was certain no other councils were close to issuing a s114 notice, supply the evidence for this statement

Melanie Dawes did not say that she "was certain no other councils were close to issuing a s114 notice."

Quote:

Gareth Snell: "My final question, Miss Dawes, is this: can you give the Committee a categorical assurance that before the next spending review no councils will issue a section 114 notice, based on your monitoring to date."

Melanie Dawes: "No, I can't give any categorical assurance."

Melanie Dawes did state that the Department did not believe another council was in the same situation as Northamptonshire County Council at that time. The situation is Northamptonshire County Council is rare given the number of issues it faces.

Quote:

Chair: "How many other authorities are on your risk register at the moment?"
Melanie Dawes:" I can't give you a number, I am afraid. I am reluctant to do that.
What I can say, and I think it is important to say, is that there is no council, we believe, that is in the same situation as Northamptonshire."

In stating that there was no other council in the position of Northamptonshire County Council, Melanie Dawes was drawing on the analysis which MHCLG produces on the financial sustainability of local government. Further information on how this advice is compiled is set out in Melanie Dawes' letter to the Public Accounts Committee on 19th June 2018.

<http://data.parliament.uk/WrittenEvidence/CommitteeEvidence.svc/EvidenceDocument/Public%20Accounts/Financial%20sustainability%20of%20local%20authorities/written/85649.html>

Question 5 - she also said there is a local authority risk register, please share the latest version

The risk register is being withheld under Section 36(2)(c) of the FOIA. This refers to the disclosure of information which would otherwise prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs. It is a qualified exemption, other than for information held by Parliament. This means that even if the exemption applies, the public authority must still disclose the information unless the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Public Interest Test.

Factors in favour of release

There is clearly a strong public interest in the financial sustainability of local authorities and a need for transparency around public spending in general. As local authorities are primarily accountable to local residents the public have a right to be well informed about the manner in which their local authority manages its services and resources.

Factors in favour of upholding the exemption

MHCLG does not performance manage local government. Local authorities are responsible for setting their own budgets, for prudent financial planning and management of their resources, and are primarily accountable to local residents for the delivery and quality of services. The Government expects local authorities collectively, to take the lead in improving their own performance, through the support offered by the LGA. MHCLG does consider the financial stability and service delivery of individual authorities as part of our oversight of the functioning of the local government system. We consider a range of information sources to assess risk. It would not be appropriate for MHCLG to share which councils we have some

concerns about – because our assessments are the results of a judgment at a point in time. Issues can be chronic or acute and can change rapidly in some cases. Releasing this information into the public domain would be damaging to the local authorities, would be likely to cause uncertainty, concern and a lack of trust amongst the public which in some cases would be likely to quickly become unfounded or inaccurate due to the rapidly changing nature of these assessments. Releasing this information would damage the relationship between MHCLG and the local authorities leading to a lack of trust which would impact on the way that MHCLG carry out their work with local authorities which would impact on the public.

Outcome

On balance the public interest is best served by upholding the exemption as this outweighs any public interest in releasing this information.

The public would be best served by their local authorities and MHCLG being able to work together with a level of trust between them. The public would also be best served by not having unfounded concerns about their local authorities caused by relying on financial information which was accurate at a particular point in time only and not intended to reflect a more permanent assessment of their local authority. If MHCLG were to release information of this nature which is subject to rapid change, the damage it would cause to the public's confidence in local authorities and the local authorities' trust in MHCLG would greatly outweigh the public interest in the release of the information.

Question 6 - please share all correspondence to max caller within the last year (email, text, WhatsApp, etc) relating to the Northamptonshire County Council Best Value Inspection

There were 4 emails in scope of this request, all of which have been provided along with accompanying attachments in Appendices 1-8. See below for a full list of the emails and attachments.

Some personal information in the emails has been redacted, this has been done in accordance with Section 40(2) of the FOIA which relates to personal information. We have redacted the names of any MHCLG staff who are below Senior Civil Service level. This is because junior staff have a reasonable expectation that their names will not be released into the public domain and so to do so would be unfair and unreasonable and would breach the Data Protection Act. We have also redacted email addresses, telephone numbers and signatures as these constitute personal information and it would be unfair to release these.

Question 7 - please share the first draft of max callers best value inspection report into ncc

This information is not held by MHCLG. We would suggest you contact Northamptonshire County Council directly who may be able to help you with this.

List of all correspondence to Max Caller within the last year relating to the Best Value Inspection of Northamptonshire County Council

Appendix 1 – Email from Alex Powell to Max Caller, 08/01/18

Appendix 2 – Email from Alex Powell to Max Caller, 09/01/18. This includes 3 attachments

Appendix 3 – Attachment 1 from above email of 09/01/18. Letter of appointment

Appendix 4 – Attachment 2 from above email of 09/01/18 – Letter to Northamptonshire County Council

Appendix 5 – Attachment 3 from above email of 09/01/18 – Written Ministerial Statement

Appendix 6 – Email from MHCLG official to Max Caller, 10/01/18. This email includes 18 attachments. As 17 of the attachments are published online I have provided the links to these documents below. Please see appendix 7 for the attachment which is not online

1. September 2017 LGA Finance Peer Review

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/performance-and-plans/Documents/Northamptonshire%20CC%20-%20FINAL%20Feedback%20Report.pdf>

2. KPMG final audit letter 2015-16 <https://www.psaa.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/AAL/2016/Northamptonshire%20County%20Council.pdf>

3. KPMG final audit letter 2016-17

<https://www.lgcplus.com/download?ac=3036997>

4. NCC 2015-16 – final outturn report

<https://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cmis5live/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=ATJaRLN%2baKW87hidu6uYi7LIKepe1lyRa7dfkZUJp0jKit7yCCI4Q%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7Ikn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNLh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfcZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTibCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlg%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oiA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCpMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3d>

5. NCC 2016-17 – month 3 report

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6. NCC 2016-17 – month 4 report

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7. NCC 2016-17 – month 6 report

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8. NCC 2016-17 – month 7 report

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9. NCC 2016-17 – month 8 report

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10. NCC 2016-17 – month 9 report –

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11. NCC 2016-17 – month 10 report

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12. NCC 2016-17 – month 12 report

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17. NCC 2018-19 Draft Budget and revised Medium Term Finance Plan

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Appendix 7 – Attachment from above email of 10/01/18. Best Value Inspection briefing note

Appendix 8 – Email from MHCLG official to Max Caller, 23/03/18

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