

Reference: 19291198
Date: 9 April 2021

Dear J Ross

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000

We write in reference to your Freedom of Information request.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides two distinct but related rights of access to information which impose corresponding duties on public authorities. These are:

- The duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority and, if so,
- The duty to communicate that information to the applicant

We can confirm that the information requested is held by The London Borough of Barking & Dagenham. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

LPA 1925 s.136 Deed of Assignment

1.Does your council tax billing authority assign information and data to any partnership service provider or other organisation for the purpose of collection and enforcement of council tax.

Yes

2.Please provide a list and give the precise name and/ or company number you have a data sharing policy with. If this is an internal partnership, provide the name of the partnership and department within this partnership and confirm who you share these services with and how they are authorised and who by to process and share this data.

Equita LTD
Newlyn PLC
Whyte & Co
CDER Group
Marston Group

3. Do you give notice of this assignment to the data subject whose data has been assigned or does your assignee give notice instead and at which stage is a data subject's data processed and shared with your agents.

Part 1. Assignee does.

Part 2. 14 days after a Liability Order has been granted, upon referral to the agent.

4. What chose in action and upon which assignment is a claim bought by the council and/or your agents for enforcement. Please state whether the council billing authority agency or other service provider agent is bringing the claim on behalf of your council, in the name of the Council.

Compliance stage onwards – Our Enforcement Agents take this action.

5. Please provide the precise sections of the acts, rules and regulations that confirms payment of council tax is mandatory

The Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992

Internal Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, then you have a right under Section 50 of the Act to request an internal review. All such requests must be sent to us within 8 weeks and must clearly state your reference number and your reason for your request for an internal review.

We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt. Your request for an internal review should be sent by email to foi@lbbd.gov.uk quoting your FOI reference number.

Information Commissioners Office

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (the “ICO”) for an independent review. The ICO is the Government’s Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and The Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Please note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the council’s internal review procedure. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the council’s reference number and your reasons for your appeal. The ICO’s contact details are as follows:

The Information Commissioners Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane, Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

More information can be found at the ICO’s website at <http://www.ico.org.uk>

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing foi@lbbd.gov.uk

We trust you find the above to be satisfactory, but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

The FOI Team

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

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