

Date: 5th May 2022

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Dear Mr Flynn

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

In accordance with s.50 of the Act, I have considered your request for internal review and your complaint against the response issued to you in relation to your information request.

My decision is that your complaint is successful and the complaint is partially upheld. I have explained my reasons for this decision next.

Your original request was received on 7th March 2022 in this you asked for:
I would like to know how much money the council have had annually since taking office in 2011 from Government Funding inc Cuts annually Loans Grants Funding i.e Lottery any other money gained to spend on projects not mentioned above

Our response of the 29th March provided you with excel spreadsheets of all grant information from 2011 to 2020/2021 and EU funding for the years held. The grant information was available elsewhere, but to assist you, this information was extracted from the Gov.uk website at the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing>

A further email was then received on 30th March 2022, in this you asked for:
Thank you for taking the time to gather the grants info, I also requested other information you have forgotten. I also asked for money received from the government including cuts annually since 2011, Loans from any source & Lottery funding again from 2011.

Our further response on the 31st March 2022 then provided you with excel spreadsheets of the Budget Savings, Lottery Funding and New Loans for all years from 2011.

A further email was received from you on the 1st April 2022, in this you asked for:
Again let me take the time to thank you for the information you have provided, but again I am missing the info I requested. Can you please provide documents showing how much money Blackpool Council has



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received from the government each year from 2011 until 2022? I would also be interested in accounts for the years 2011 until 2022 alongside this profit and loss documentation.

but before this could be responded to, a request for an internal review was received on the 9th April 2022.

Your internal request asked for:

I am writing to request an internal review of Blackpool Borough Council's handling of my FOI request 'Money borrowed, grants etc'.

I requested information for grants, loans, lottery funding & Annual budget received from the government from 2001 until the present day. I received grants and then had to ask for the rest, I then received lottery funding and loans but not the annual budget funding from the government. I have asked again but have not received any reply. We are now 4 days past the deadline so can I ask that the information is fast-tracked.

I accept that the annual budget funding from the Government had not been included within the two previous responses.

In your email of 1st April 2022, you asked for further information not previously requested, ie accounts for the years 2011-2022 and profit and loss documentation. This is in essence a new request for additional information, but to avoid further delays, I am now attaching ALL Budget Books from 2010/2011 to 2022/2023 and Statements of Accounts from 2010/11 to 2019/2020. This should now enable you to access all of the financial information that you have requested from the Council.

Please note the Annual Accounts can be located on our website. Please see link below:

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Transparency-and-open-data/Budget,-spending-and-procurement/Annual-accounts.aspx>

This link holds the Statement of Accounts for 2020/2021. Please note: the 2020/21 accounts have not yet been fully audited due to a national issue regarding asset valuations. The draft version is on our website but it is pre-audit and there will be a number of changes.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. You can contact the Information Commissioner at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, (www.ico.org.uk).

If you have any queries about this letter you can contact me, or write to: FOI, PO Box 4, Blackpool, FY1 1NA, or email us at FOI@blackpool.gov.uk. Please remember to quote your reference number when you contact us.

Yours sincerely

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