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Our Ref 2313076

5th August 2021

Dear Mr Williams,

I am writing in relation to your request for an internal review of your Freedom of Information request (FOI 2313076).

As a member of staff who was not involved in your Freedom of Information (FOI) request, I have undertaken an internal review of the GMCA's response to your request of the 5th July 2021. In conducting my investigation, I have considered your original request and have discussed your request with staff at GMCA who were involved in this matter.

Your request for an Internal Review

Your internal review request outlined the following:

'Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.'

I am writing to request an internal review of Greater Manchester Combined Authority's handling of my FOI request 'Rochdale 3 etc.'

Our response

I have now had the opportunity to review the original handling of your request and the associated correspondence.

I uphold the original exemptions of s36(2)(b)(i) - disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the ability to give free and frank advice or exchange of views and s36(2)(c) would be likely to prejudice the ability of the authority in the conduct of public affairs, for the reasons set out in the initial response, which remain sound.

I have also reviewed the application of the public interest test. The assessment takes all relevant factors into account and the balance is in favour of withholding the information requested.

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I also uphold the application of the exemption under section 40(2), including the public interest test.

I am satisfied that the response on 5th July 2021 was, at that moment in time, fair, accurate and comprehensive. For the reasons listed above, I therefore agree with the original conclusion that the exemptions listed above apply to the information requested.

I therefore do not uphold your complaint in this regard.

I hope that this internal review addresses your concerns. However if you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner. To do so, contact:

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Yours sincerely

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