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Our ref: FOI 6340  
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Dear Mr Jones,

**Request for Information  
Unique Reference: FOI 6340**

Thank you for your request for information which the Council received on 25 May, 2017. You have requested:

- 1. The full details of what the Greater Manchester Pension Fund currently invests in, including the name and amounts of each asset class or investment being held.  
Ideally this information would be broken down into the different categories, including: Index Linked Securities, Unit trust Property, Cash Instruments, Unit Trust Equities, Infrastructure, Fixed Interest Securities, Equities Segregated Unlisted, Equities Segregated UK, Equities Segregated Foreign as well as any other investments that the Pension Fund holds.*
- 2. A full list of all the companies which the Pension Fund currently invests in (this should be covered in the above question). This list should include the names of each company and the amount invested in each company.*
- 3. Can you clearly specify the total value of all investments that the Pension Fund holds.*
- 4. I would like to receive this information in an unlocked excel sheet without protected cells (xls). If you have to password protect the excel sheet, can you also provide the password to the excel sheet. When considering the request for this data in excel format, please refer to Innes v Information Commissioner [2014] EWCA Civ 1086 (i), which allows a requestor to express a preference for communication by a particular means, specifically: "an applicant's right to choose to have information provided to him in electronic form extends to a right to choose the software format in which it is embodied." (ii) I would like to receive the information in electronic format if possible. If one part of the request can be answered sooner than others, please send that information first followed by any subsequent data. If you need further clarification, please contact me by email.*

Your request has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.



Having carefully considered the matter, the Council has determined that the information is exempt from disclosure under the following provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 21: information accessible to applicant by other means.

Under Section 21 of the Act, the Council is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

It is GMPF policy to routinely publish a full list of our holdings once each year, as at the end of its accounting year, in conjunction with the final audit sign-off of GMPF's annual report and accounts. Information about the name of each holding and its market value for each year from 31 March 2005 to 31 March 2016 (inclusive) can be accessed on GMPF's website at:

<http://www.gmpf.org.uk/investments/holdings.htm>

Section 22: Information intended for future publication.

Under Section 22 of the Act, the Council is not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is intended for future publication. The next such routine publication is in respect of the year to 31 March 2017 and will be available for public scrutiny around October 2017 shortly after the completion of the audit process.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, or request a review of the Council's decision, please write to Sandra J Stewart, Borough Solicitor, at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Dukinfield Town Hall, King Street, Dukinfield, Tameside SK16 4LA.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF and at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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