



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

ABSOLUTE EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS / INFORMATION

Ref no: FOI 15/0419

Applicants Name: Dom Wallis

Date of Request: 16th April 2015

Information sought:

Can you please provide me with information on the following category of service (a category of service would be classed as an area of business within the Local Authority, for example Transport or Social Care): 1) Does the Local Authority currently operate any form of supplier framework (a supplier framework would be classed as a list of enrolled and accredited companies or individuals that provide goods or services to the Local Authority) for:- a. SEN Transport – b. Home to School – c. Taxi Services – d. Transport for Adult Care - 2) If the Local Authority does operate a supplier framework, when do these frameworks run out? :- a. SEN Transport – b. Home to School – c. Taxi Services – d. Transport for Adult Care - 3) If the Local Authority does operate a supplier framework, how many suppliers are listed on the framework?:- a. SEN Transport – b. Home to School – c. Taxi Services – d. Transport for Adult Care - 4) Does the Local Authority own and operate an internal fleet of vehicles that is utilised for services such as SEN Transport or Taxi Services? 5) If so, please can you provide with the size of the fleet. 6) During the financial year of 2014/15, what has been the actual spend of:- a. SEN Transport- b. Home to School – c. Taxi Services – d. Transport for Adult Care – 7) During the financial year of 2014/15, what has been the actual spend of “spot purchases” or Transport placements that were not purchased on the supplier framework (if one does exist):- a. SEN Transport- b. Home to School – c. Taxi Services – d. Transport for Adult Care – 8) Does the Local Authority utilise a technology (this could be either a piece of software or computer programme) to help commission Transport Services (these would be defined as SEN Transport, Home to School etc) for a citizen? 9) If so, when does the contract for these services expire and what has been the cost for the contract? a. Expiration date – b. Cost - 10) What is the size of the team that works within the Transport Department of the Local Authority? 11) Please can you provide me with a hierarchy of the team that comprises the Transport Department with names and job roles?

Under the powers delegated to me by Caerphilly county borough council and having considered representations made to me by officers and third parties whose interests appear to be potentially affected or prejudiced, I have made the following decision:-

Absolute Exemptions applying to the Information Sought

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, the disclosure of information which is classified as personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Case for Absolute Exemption

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act provides an exemption for information which is the personal data of any third party, where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act (DPA).

Under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, names of staff who comprise the Transport Department below third tier would fall within the definition of ‘personal data’ in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, as the information relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. The disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle – fair and lawful processing.

This is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test.

Extent of Exemption

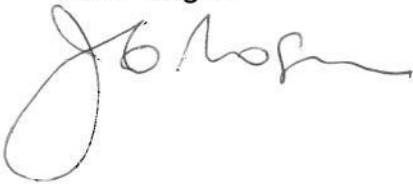
Question 11 - the names of staff who comprise the Transport Department below third tier are exempt.

Authorised Officer

Name: John Rogers

Position: Principal Solicitor

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Rogers', written over the 'Signed:' label.

Date: 14th May 2015