Reference: IC-315162-Y4P9



Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Decision notice

Date: 31 July 2024

Public Authority: Liverpool City Council

Address: Venture Place

Sir Thomas Street

Liverpool L1 6BW

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Liverpool City Council on 5 April 2024:

"Please can you provide an updated response to the FoIA questions labelled "6)" and "7)" answered under the FoIA request reference 16058369 and set out in the attached. Please provide as at 31 March 2024, or the closest possible date where this information is available.

- "6) how many properties under your council tax jurisdiction have a credit balance of £150 on their council tax account as at 31 March 2024 (or at the closest available date in the 2023/24 council tax year, specifying which date has been used);
- 7) How many of the properties in "6)" had at least one individual in council tax exemption class N as at 1 April 2022? If this data is not available as at 1 April 2022, please provide as at the date used in "6)" (specifying which date has been used)."

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

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Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the Firsttier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights) GRC & GRP Tribunals, PO Box 9300, LEICESTER, LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963 Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar)

days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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