

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Decision notice**

**Date:** 30 July 2024

**Public Authority:** Metropolitan Borough of Wirral

**Address:** Town Hall, Brighton Street  
Wallasey, Wirral  
CH44 8ED

### **Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral on 28 February 2024:

"Please

1. Provide copy/s of all BSS Business Support services contracts between the council and Wirral chamber of commerce or between anyone on either of their behalf, and including any variations, since 2017
2. provide a copy of appendices 1 and 2 that before publication were removed from the included report on 'UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND: PLACE BASED BUSINESS SUPPORT DELIVERY'
3. Confirm how much of the referenced £924,544 for this decision has been, will be or it is currently anticipated or earmarked to be paid to Wirral chamber of commerce
4. confirm how much money has been paid to or accrued for Wirral chamber of commerce under the BSS contracts since 2017 before the £924,544 funds relating to this new decision
5. provide copy/s of all the state aid assessments for this decision and any others relating to any of the BSS contracts with and service of Wirral chamber of commerce."

**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.

**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 First-tier 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](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://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.

**Information Commissioner**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow**

Reference: IC-316460-J8P9

**Cheshire**  
**SK9 5AF**