

27 June 2023

Dear

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA239 Information not held by the Combined Authority

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 22 June 2023

Request

Request TO: Cambridgeshire County Council From: Cambridge Residence Group. Chair and Advisory Committee. We are writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are unable to locate public accounts and financial details held by your organisation, with regard to the total funding of the Greater Cambridge Partnership, its specific legal definition/entity/status; its staff remuneration costs and its project spending and results since 2019. It is understood that we do not have to specify files or documents to you and it is your departments responsibility to provide the information requested, however, below is a short list of the information we seek to which we cannot currently identify on your website or in other public web domains. As you will be aware, the spend of any public funds. plans and public interest projects by a local authority is required to be published in full under audit regulations and made easily available to the public for independent scrutiny. Please provide the following information we have not been able to find in brief paragraph form and sight the reference documents in your reply in chronological order where necessary. • Confirm who are the employers of the GCP. • How are their salary costs funded. • What employment contracts they have and staff and who reviews them. • Who is responsible for engagement, recruitment, dismissal. • Who is responsible for scrutiny of their role, performance and expenditures. • What is the current annual salary outlay and public tax bill since 2019. • If they are not paid by the County Council or Central Government funding, who is funding the annual GCP salary bill. • What is their scheme/project costs to date and total allocation of public funds for each contractor they have engaged with. All the above should be readily available and easy to supply without any commercial in confidence concern or conflict of interest, if employed and funded by the County Council. We would like the information to be emailed to us in electronic form. If our request is denied in whole or in part, we ask that you justify any redactions or deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act and to quantify the rationale behind that decision. I expect that you will release all nonexempt material in the event of any redaction criteria. We reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees given that this information should already be published in a reasonable format for members of the public to see and read.

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Response

Unfortunately, we do not hold the requested information. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, it is Cambridgeshire County Council who are the accountable body for the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and would therefore hold any relevant information, rather than us.

I have included the contact details below in case you wish to forward your request to them and have not already done so:

FOI@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

GCP website page: Freedom of information (greatercambridge.org.uk)

I hope this information is helpful but 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, you should write to us via our contact us email address: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN within 40 days of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via their complaints portal <u>FOI and EIR complaints | ICO</u> or writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

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Data Protection Officer



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