

27 March 2020

Dear

Freedom of Information Request

I write with reference to your request received on 12 March 2020 reference CA82. Please find the response provided below.

Question:

I am writing to you regarding any dealings or relationships may have had with Amazon as a Local Enterprise Partnership and/or through related Enterprise Zone schemes related to the Business Board of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Please note this is in Reference to Amazon, and may relate to any facilities or services registered under Amazon UK, Amazon.co.uk Ltd, Amazon.com, Inc. Amazon Web Services UK Ltd, Amazon Web Services EU Sarl UK branch, Amazon Web Services EMEA Sarl, or any other affiliated registrations.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I am writing to obtain the following information:

- If any grants, subsidies, or other financial agreements have been entered into with Amazon by your authority that were not the award of publicly tendered contracts.
- The type of financial support e.g. Grant, Equity investment, other.
- The value of the financial support provided, at the time it was made e.g. value of grant, cost of equity purchase, etc.
- The date that the financial support was approved and the date of the first payment.
- Most recent valuation of any outstanding equity stake, if any.
- Names of any investment partners associated with the financial support.
- Name of programme that financial support was linked to.
- A summary of the purpose of the financial support.
- Did you apply a weighing to social value in any grants awarded to Amazon? If so, what criteria were considered? What weighting was given to these criteria?
- What evidence did Amazon provide to demonstrate they met these criteria or were committed to meeting them.
 - Has there been any review of Amazon's practices in relation to meeting any stated social value criteria having been awarded any grants, subsidies, financial support or investments?

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Answer:

We confirm that Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) have had no dealings with Amazon or its group in relation to any of the list of points you requested. We however cannot answer in respect of the legal entity that preceded us (now defunct) – the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP).

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 – contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Incubator 2, The Boulevard, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon, PE28 4XA within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

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 at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <u>https://ico.org.uk/</u>

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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