

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

### **Decision notice**

**Date:** **5 August 2024**

**Public Authority:** **Council of Goldsmiths, University of London**

**Address:** **New Cross  
London  
SE14 6NW**

#### **Request:**

The complainant submitted two requests for information to Goldsmiths, University of London ("the University") on 16 May 2024:

"I am seeking information about the minutes taken from Council meetings of the present year 2024. Available online those are only accessible until 28 November 2023 as per this web page:

<https://www.gold.ac.uk/governance/committees/council/>

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

1. Minutes taken from council meetings had in 2024.

As per this web <https://www.gold.ac.uk/governance/committees/schedule/> Council had meetings on: 9 Jan 2024 and 20 Mar 2024

1. Confirmation of dates of meetings scheduled and had by Council since November 2023. (supposedly 9 Jan 2024, 20 Mar 2024).

Please confirm receipt of this request. If you decide to withhold information please provide guidance on how I can adjust my request to make it successful"

and

"I am seeking information about the minutes taken from Finance and Resources Committee (Transformation) meetings scheduled for 2024. Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

1. Minutes taken from Finance and Resources Committee (Transformation) and Finance and Resources Committee occurred on:

Finance and Resources Committee (Transformation) 29 Jan 2024  
Finance and Resources Committee 07 Mar 2024  
Finances and Resources Committee (Transformation) 08 Apr 2024  
Finances and Resources Committee (Transformation) 2. May 2024

2. Confirmation that those have been the only dates in which this committee had met during the year 2024.

3. Request in advance of forthcoming minutes from meetings:

Finance and Resources Committee 13 Jun 2024  
Finances and Resources Committee (Transformation) 11 Jul 2024  
Finances and Resources Committee (Transformation) 08 Aug 2024

Or information of where and when will these minutes be available for me to read as soon as possible once the meetings have taken place.

Please confirm receipt of this request. If you decide to withhold information please provide guidance on how I can adjust my request to make it successful."

**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 substantive responses to the requests. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

**Steps:**

The public authority must provide substantive responses to the requests 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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF**