

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 16 August 2024

Public Authority: London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames

Address: Civic Centre
44 York Street
Twickenham
TW1 3BZ

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames on 14 May 2024:

"Murray Park Hall, Murray Park, Kneller Road, Whitton, TW2 7DX:

1. Minutes of all meetings with staff, councillors and external parties in which the hall was discussed January 2018 – May 2024 inclusive
2. Officers' notes of meetings with, staff, councillors and external parties, in person, via Zoom/Teams and by telephone, in which the hall was discussed January 2018 – May 2024 inclusive
3. All emails and letters between staff, councillors and external parties, in which the hall was discussed January 2018 – May 2024 inclusive
4. All income and expenditure concerning the hall January 2018 – May 2024 inclusive, including staff costs
5. Any documentation referring to the future options for the hall: reports, plans, etc
6. All surveys of the hall January 2018 – May 2024 inclusive, including findings and costings/estimates
7. The lease of the hall held by Merrygold Montessori Nursery School
8. All details of complaints concerning the hall January 2018 – May 2024 inclusive
9. A full inventory of the contents of the hall that are owned by the council
10. A copy of the land registry (or other) title deed relating to the hall and any land attached to it
11. The valuation of the hall and any land attached to it

12. Details of any enquiries about short or long term rent/lease/purchase of the hall from 3rd parties January 2018 – May 2024 inclusive
13. All reports held on the hall, including asbestos, structural issues and any other matter pertaining to the building.”

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

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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