

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 10 October 2024

Public Authority: Machynlleth Town Council

Address: Machynlleth Town Council Office
Y Plas
Ffordd Aberystwyth
Machynlleth
Powys
SY20 8ER

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Machynlleth Town Council on 28 June 2024:

- "A copy of every contract taken out for use of the Y Plas bar from 2010 onwards.
- I would like to know the number of contracts and/or license holders, and the terms in which the contracts were taken out. Specifically – who held and/ or holds the contact(s) for running the bar, what kind of use of the bar i.e. exclusive or otherwise, what payment the council receives for use, what percentage of profits are to be kept by the council, if any.
- I would also like to know, if possible, the income total the council has received from tendering out the bar from 2010 to present.

I am happy to receive this information redacted where necessary to remove details deemed confidential, so much as it does not restrict my inquiry."

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.

**Information Commissioner
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