

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

### Decision notice

**Date:** 14 October 2024

**Public Authority:** Wirral Council

**Address:** PO Box 290  
Brighton Street  
Wallasey  
CH27 9FQ

**Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from Wirral Council on 19 July 2024:

"The minutes of the Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee meeting of 27 March 2024 state that....

"Raymond Lynch of Market North West Ltd, who had been employed as a market design consultant, attended the meeting and gave some personal background, noting that he had helped develop around 300 markets in the UK" Additionally "He summarised the findings of the report regarding the other potential sites for a market in Birkenhead"

Some Market Traders are a little sceptical of Mr Lynch's claim of 300 markets and I've been asked to look into the validity of the 300 figure and also take up references and endorsements from some of these many markets he's been involved with.

I'm sure Mr Lynch has supplied Council Officers with relevant supporting information to bolster both his previous and current procurement bids. This information will greatly assist in my research and therefore I request the Council supplies me with all documents held relating to this subject.

As the report submitted by Mr Lynch concerned the future trading environment that market traders are to be subjected to I ask that this message is treat as an Environmental Information Request."

**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](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  
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