

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Decision notice

Date: 22 October 2024

Public Authority: High Peak Borough Council

Address: Buxton Town Hall
Market Place
Buxton
SK17 6EL

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from High Peak Borough Council on 4 July 2024:

"I would like you to supply me with information relating to land and buildings that High Peak Borough Council has sold or otherwise disposed of since January 1st 2005.

For ALL parcels of land or buildings I would like to know:

- The Land Registry title that identifies the property
- The Title number
- The date of the sale
- The sale price
- Who (the purchaser) the property was sold to.

Examples would be:

Land on the east side of Cottage Lane, Glossop (Freehold)

DY385896

20/01/2005

£44,000

Mark Twain Ltd

88 High Street East

DY390206

31/10/2014

£200,000

Easton House Developments

Additionally, for the above two title numbers:

I want specific details outlining the tendering or sale process -

- how were the buyers chosen?
- were the properties put on the open market?
- were estate agents/auctioneers involved?
- I would like copies of the sales literature.
- I would like un-redacted copies of the council meetings that approved the sales of these two properties (or an electronic link)"

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

Reference: IC-331034-H6Z7

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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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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