

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

### **Decision notice**

**Date:** 12 February 2025

**Public Authority:** Adur & Worthing Councils

**Address:** Worthing Town Hall  
Chapel Road  
Worthing  
BN11 1HA

#### **Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from Adur & Worthing Councils on 24 August 2024:

"Please can I make a request for information held in relation to Worthing parks and recreation grounds.

I would like any risk, impact assessments, email correspondence or documents relating to re-wilding of areas of the parks. Such information that might include the benefits and potential downsides of the re-wilding, along with any potential objections/complaints."

Clarification asking for a time frame was sought on 27 August. Clarification was provided by the complainant on 28 August.

#### **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  
SK9 5AF**