

west midlands police and crime commissioner

Date: 23/07/2024

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **26 June** 2024 in which you asked:

'I understand that a number of groups/organisations in Wolverhampton were awarded an allocation of monies by the West Midlands PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner) as part of The Helping Communities as confirmed by the response given in Information request ref: WMPCC Reference: 2023-00769. Could you please supply me with a copy of their original applications - please can you provide these documents electronically and where possible in their original format?'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the OPCC holds the following document, titled – 'FOI-059-Helping Communities Fund – Attachment 1'. This document contains all 9 applications.

You will note that the document includes redacated text. I can confirm that the redacted information is exempt for either of the following reasons. Section 40 (2) - information relates to third parties whose details are not in the public domain and is therefore exempt in accordance with S40(2). This exemption covers the personal data of third parties, where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation. Section 43 (2) - release of such information may prejudice the commercial interests of a legal person, therefore causing harm to the service that they are able to provide. In line with S43(2), I am required to complete a Prejudice Test. Please find this test attached – 'FOI-059-Helping Communities Fund – Attachment 2'.

## Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Lloyd House Birmingham B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060

Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

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Alethea Fuller Deputy Chief Executive