

10th February 2016

I write following your FOI request in which you request:

Under FOI act 2000 I am writing to know further details regarding Cleveland PCC lending figures. If my source is correct I believe that the Cleveland PCC office has borrowed £19'260'000.00 from public works loan board. Can you please confirm the following?

- 1) is this figure correct; if not what is correct figure of borrowing by the office*
- 2) interest rates and penalties involved in the borrowing*
- 3) when was this borrowing taken out and signed for by who*
- 4) what is the purpose of this borrowing*

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Regarding your request I can now inform you that I have completed my enquiries and that my reply on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland is as follows.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities.

To be a valid request under Section 8 of the Act a request must:

Section 8. – (1) of the Act states

8.—(1) *In this Act any reference to a "request for information" is a reference to such a request which—*

- (a) is in writing*
- (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence.*

You will note (copy above) that the correspondence you have sent the Commissioner has two identities, both of which would be acceptable under s8 (1) (b) of the Act. This therefore sets out a degree of ambiguity in exactly who is the requester of this information.

At s16 of the Act there is a duty placed upon me to provide the requester with advice and assistance while processing their request so that they may take receipt of the recorded information requested.

To that end I therefore require you to provide me with the details of who the requester is and a contact to correspond with that person. In the meantime I shall forward my response to the e-mail address of the original correspondence to the Commissioner's Office.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has a FOI complaints procedure.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to: Mr Simon Dennis, Solicitor, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Police Headquarters, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough, TS8 9EH or you can follow the complaints procedure found on our website at: www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk

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 an appeal.

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