



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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Ref: FOI 2024-025
Date: 16th July 2024

Dear

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your email of 21 June 2024, in which requested access to information held by the Park Authority. Our response is provided below.

Your Request

I am investigating the recent selection of members of Access Committee. I should be grateful for the following information:

1. *Names and biographies of both existing and new members.*
2. *The selection criteria used with weightings. Specifically, any marking scheme used to differentiate between applicants.*
3. *The scores of both successful and unsuccessful applicants under each criterion.*
4. *The names and positions of the council officers that carried out this process.*

Our Response

Please note that the Local Access Forum is not a committee of the Park Authority. It is an advisory group that, although established by the Park Authority, is independent from the Park Authority.

1. Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) exempts information from disclosure where the requester can reasonably obtain the information by other means. We therefore inform you that the names and biographies of all members of the Local Access Forum, including those recently recruited, are published on our website at the following link:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/local-access-forum/>

2. Please find attached 'Score Sheet – LLTAF Recruitment 2024', the content of which should be self-explanatory. A 'Recruitment Flyer - Who/what are we looking for? -

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General attributes' is referenced in the Score Sheet and is also attached.

3. Only nine individuals were interviewed for these roles. Each of these individuals can be placed into one of two distinct subgroups: the four who were successful, and the five who were unsuccessful. In these circumstances, with such a small number of individuals involved, it is our view that release of the information you have requested could constitute the exposure of personal data. Therefore, as the individuals concerned are likely to hold a reasonable expectation that their interview scores shall remain confidential, we are withholding this information under the exemption detailed at section 38(1)(b) of FOISA.
4. The scoring was conducted by a panel of four Park Authority staff members. In line with the data protection legislation and section 38(1)(b) of FOISA, we are withholding their names to protect their privacy. However, their job titles were as follows:
 - Staff Member 1: Sustainable Travel and Access Manager
 - Staff Member 2: Recreation and Access Advisor
 - Staff Member 3: Recreation and Access Advisor
 - Staff Member 4: Corporate Performance Manager

Further Information

You have the right to ask us to review our decision to respond to your request in this way. If you are then unhappy with our review decision, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further details on the review and appeals process can be found in the attached sheet.

Yours sincerely

Information Management
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

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If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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