

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
Carrochan
Carrochan Road
Balloch
G83 8EG

Ref: FOI 2024-056

22 November 2024

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2024, in which you requested access to information held by the National Park Authority. We have processed your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Our response is provided below.

Your Request

- 1. What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)?
- 2. Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymetrix, Mitratech etc.)?
- 3. Who is your Head of Legal or General Counsel (please provide email address)?
- 4. Who is your Head of Procurement (please provide email address)?
- 5. Do you have a law firm panel / preferred supplier list / use a framework to buy your external law firm services? Please provide details where possible.

Our Response

1. The information you have requested is provided in the following table:

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Year	Spend with External Law Firms
2000 / 2001	£51,249
2001 / 2002	£123,138
2002 / 2003	£215,738
2003 / 2004	£100,573

- 2. The National Park Authority does not use any e-Billing technology, although invoices may be received electronically.
- 3. The National Park Authority's Legal Manager is Sandra Dalziel. You can email Sandra using our central mailbox:

info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

4. The National Park Authority's Finance & Procurement Manager is Andrew Jump. You can email Andrew using our procurement mailbox:

procurement@lochlomond-trossachs.org

5. We utilise the Scottish Government's Legal Services Framework.

Further Information

In relation to parts 3 and 4 of your request, we recognise that it may have been your intention to ask for the direct work email addresses of these individuals. Please note that, were you to ask us for this information, we would withhold it under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, on the basis that the processing of personal data would not be compliant with the data protection legislation. Specifically, it would breach Article 5(1)(a) of the UK GDPR, which requires that personal data be processed 'lawfully, fairly and in transparent manner in relation to the data subject'.

Review Process

If you are unhappy with our response, you have the right to ask us to review our handling of your request. Further information on our review process is provided in the attached sheet.

Yours sincerely

Information Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

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National Park Headquarters, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch, G83 8EG Long: 4°34'24"W Lat: 56°00'12"N

Review Procedure

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:

Information Manager
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
National Park Headquarters
Carrochan
Carrochan Road
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G83 8EG

E-mail: info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

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:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Tel: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info