28 March 2023

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 7 March 2023, in which you clarified your request as follows:

Any information held that relates to how the eligibility criteria for the *Scotland Coach Operators Covid-19 Business Support and Continuity Fund* was determined.

I have considered your request and can respond as follows:

We have considered your request, and can respond as follows:

VisitScotland does not hold the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of the Act states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested Information.

Information which has previously been published may also be useful for you in relation to this request. It is available to view on our corporate website <u>here</u>.

We hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application, you may in the first instance contact our Chief Executive, Malcolm Roughead, whose contact details are set out below:

Mr Malcolm Roughead Chief Executive VisitScotland Ocean Point One 94 Ocean Drive Edinburgh, EH6 6JH Telephone: 0131 472 2201 Fax: 0131 472 2223 E-mail: malcolm.roughead@visitscotland.com

If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording), and be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS Telephone: 01334 464610 Fax: 01334 464611 E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.

Yours sincerely,

VisitScotland