

20 January 2025

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the Act”)**

Thank you for your request for information which was received by VisitScotland on 17 December 2024 at 23:26, requesting information regarding the Visitor Levy:

*“the information which supports your view that a Visitor Levy would be good for Argyll and Bute Tourism or indeed Tourism in general in Scotland”*

VisitScotland’s response

We consider that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 25 of the Act. Section 25 exempts information from disclosure where the requester can reasonably obtain the information without seeking it through a Freedom of Information request.

VisitScotland’s Visitor Levy guidance is available on [visitscotland.org](https://visitscotland.org) at the following page: [Visitor Levy Guidance | VisitScotland.org](#)

There was a period of consultation in relation to the Visitor Levy Bill where VisitScotland has publicly submitted a detailed response in relation to our views on the Visitor Levy scheme and the potential benefits of the scheme, citing sources which are linked within the footnotes of that response. You may access our response at the following link: [Response 191859367 to Visitor Levy Bill - call for views - Scottish Parliament - Citizen Space](#)

It is for each local authority to consider whether introducing a visitor levy will benefit local communities and visitors in their area or not. You may therefore also wish to seek information from Argyll & Bute Council directly, and we understand their consultation to provide views is open until 10 April 2025.

Your right to request a review

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) to:

Ms Vicki Miller  
Chief Executive  
VisitScotland  
Waverley Court  
4 East Market Street  
Edinburgh  
EH8 8BG

Telephone: 0131 473 3603  
E-mail: [vicki.miller@visitscotland.com](mailto:vicki.miller@visitscotland.com)

The request for a review should 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 not satisfied with the result of the review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner at:

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

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

Email: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto: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.