

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY

30 November 2017

Report of the Clerk

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: ANNUAL REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

This report provides Members with an update of Freedom of Information requests.

2. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the report.

3. Background Information

This is the twelfth annual report of requests received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

4. Requests received

4.1 Summary of requests

	Investments	Administration	Total
Nov 2016 –Oct 2017	21	1	22
Nov 2015 - Oct 2016	21	0	21
Oct 2014 - Oct 2015	26	1	27
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	12	1	14
Nov 2012 - Sep 2013	18	2	20
Oct 2011 - Oct 2012	13	2	15
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	6	6	12
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	11	6	17
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	14	2	16
Nov 2007 - Sep 2008	10	5	15
Aug 2006 - Oct 2007	12	2	14
Jan 2005 - July 2006	13	4	17

4.2 Most requests relate to information on investment holdings, mainly in respect of private equity holdings or to issues surrounding them.

- 4.3 The Authority has responded to all requests within the 20 day limit required by the Act.
- 4.4 All the information applicants have asked for has been provided where it is held.
- 4.5 The Authority has made no charges, either for retrieving information, or for photocopying and postage.
- 4.6 The Authority has received no complaints or requests for internal reviews in relation to any disclosure.
- 4.7 The Authority has spent at least 50 hours of officer time in completing these requests.
- 4.8 Most applicants have been from data collecting commercial organisations.

5. Publication Scheme

The Authority has adopted the model publication scheme prescribed by the Information Commissioner, which sets out the routine publication of information, which is not exempt under the Act.

6. Re-use of public sector information

New regulations came into force in July 2015 entitled "The Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015". These require public sector bodies to:

Allow re use of public sector information by anyone;
Remove copyright restrictions preventing re use of such information;
Allows anyone the right to aggregate, add value or repackage the information, and make money out of it.

The impact on the authority is not considered to be any greater than the current use of private equity data by commercial organisations.

7. Implications

- 7.1 There are no significant costs arising out of this report other than the officer time identified in preparing responses.
- 7.2 There are no legal implications other than those referred to in the report.
- 7.3 There are no diversity implications of this report.
- 7.4 There are risks of a failure to meet the 20 day deadline required by the Act, due to the pressure of work. However, this risk is judged to be minor.

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report are available for inspection at the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, Barnsley.