



FOI Ref: 2020/011

9th July 2020

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 11th June 2020. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

"I've just been looking at last years expenditure online via the link you had given me on a previous email.

I've attached some screen shots, and I would like information on all board members and senior management who are listed in these screen shots."

1. "I would like to see the detailed information to know exactly what each individual was paid over the year."

The screen shots attached to your request list the names of the National Park Authority Board, Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Employees.

The National Park Authority annual accounts are published on our website at:
<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/publications/annual-reports-accounts/>

Page 18 of the annual accounts shows the pay bandings for the Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Employees for financial year 2018/19. Board member's earnings and expenses are stated on page 20.

Accordingly we can advise that this information is exempt under section 25 of the Act, as it is otherwise accessible.

Noting that your request asks exactly what each individual was paid, we advise that this information is exempt from release under sections 38(1)(b) and 38(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as it is the personal data of the individuals concerned.

We can also advise that the annual accounts for 2019/20 are currently being prepared for submission to the National Park Authority Board meeting in September and will be published on our website.

2. "I would also like to see detailed information relating to expenses and what the money was actually spent on, and also who received the monies."

As explained above, details of Board members expenses are published in our annual accounts. Detailed information on expenses paid to the Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Employees were disclosed in response to a previous information request in October 2019. This information

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can be found on our website in the disclosure log listed under “October 2019 – manager’s expenses & appendix”:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Managers-expenses.pdf>

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Managers-expenses-appendix.pdf>

Accordingly, we can advise that this information is exempt under section 25 of the Act as it is otherwise accessible. This is an absolute exemption which means there is no requirement to apply the public interest test to the release of the information as it is already publically available.

3. “I would also like to see the detailed money trail to any companies who have done or who still carry out work around the loch as well as the facilities to see which companies received the monies and what the monies were paid to them for.”

It is unclear what information you require, so we need you to clarify this part of your request. Please state the time period you are looking for, noting that our financial records are managed by financial year running from 1st April to 31st March.

We are unclear what is meant by ‘detailed money trail’. Please clarify what level of expenditure and what type of expenditure you are asking for.

We are also unclear what type of work you are referring to, so please clarify the type of works you require information about. We can advise that we code financial transactions to location (e.g. Duncan Mills Memorial Slipway, Firkin, Balmaha, and Milarrochy).

4. “I would also like to see the minutes of the meeting which took place to close Milarrochy bay and also any other information relating to this.”

The decision to close the slipway at Milarrochy Bay was taken at a meeting of our Executive team on 15th August 2016. The paper considered at this meeting is attached in Appendix A.

The extract from the meeting the Executive on 15th August 2016 regarding the decision to close the slipway is shown below.

Boat Launching at Milarrochy Bay	Simon presented a paper compiled by Martin Page, seeking Executive decision surrounding boat launching facilities at Milarrochy Bay. Simon advised as a result of budget constraints for 2016 season the site is only manned at weekends and peak holiday days, this is primarily to make available the resources required to conduct Your Park operational trials in this current season and deploy the required patrolling resources needed for March 2017. H&S are concerned about boat launching whilst the site is unmanned highlighting several issues, the proposal is for the site to be closed when not staffed. In essence the Executive support the recommendation of the paper presented, however, are keen to know of how many people use the site and that refunds are offered to those affected by this. Consideration should be given to the communication of this change, especially with local user groups, it was also suggested that this change be built into the registration renewal process for next year. Action: Simon to seek clarity on the points raised and discuss with Anna on her return regarding the communication of this.
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Further information on the slipway closure can be found on our website at:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/things-to-do/water-activities/boating/slipways/milarrochy-bay-slipway-closure/>

Further information in relation to this has previously been provided in our letter to you of 1st March 2019, in response to your previous correspondence on this subject.

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Yours sincerely

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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:

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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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