



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 27th July 2022. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

“Please give me a list of human rights due diligence checks your organisation has conducted since the publication of the Scottish Government document, *Guidance on due diligence: human rights*, detailing in each case whether or not you proceeded with an investment relationship or business agreement following the undertaking of these checks.”

The Park Authority, as a non-departmental public body, sources contracts from either Crown Commercial Services (CCS) contracts or Scottish Government (SG) contracts.

We undertake due diligence checks, and ask questions which include the following subjects, in accordance with the requirements of the Scottish Public Finance Manual and associated guidance:

- Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings
- Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities
- Money laundering or terrorist financing
- Fair work

Where the Park Authority engages in a tendering process for high value contracts over £50K, pre tendering due diligence checks are made into the financial status of prospective contractors.

The Park Authority offers low value grants as part of the National Park grant scheme. A range of checks are completed as part of the application process

“Please also detail any instances of non-compliance with the guidance that have been reported.”

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There have been no reported issues of non-compliance with the guidance. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

“If unable to provide such a list, please confirm for me whether your organisation was previously aware of or has ever given consideration to this guidance, including whether you are aware of having been notified of it by a representative of the Scottish Government or other public body.”

The National Park Authority was first made aware of this guidance via an update paper for the Non-Departmental Public Bodies Chief Executives Forum in June 2018.

“Please also tell me how many investment relationships or agreements your organisation has engaged in since June 2018. This request relates to the types of relationship outlined in the aforementioned guidance as meriting a due diligence check: “any activity which could lead to an investment relationship or agreement with a third party” (source: [Guidance on due diligence: human rights - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)).”

Details of our work supporting local funded projects can be found on our website at: <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/what-we-do/conservation/land-management/funding/>

As stated above, we provide small grants and award contracts for services or to support local projects. Financial, governance, and other appropriate checks are undertaken as part of the application process for grants or contracts.

The Park Authority complies with the requirements of Sections 31 and 32 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 to publish annual information on expenditure: <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/publications/annual-expenditure/>

Yours sincerely

Information Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

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.

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- 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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