



Department for Culture, Media and Sport
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Re your request for information – free swimming - reference 104555

Thank you for your freedom of information request which we received on 14 October. This read:

'Free swimming - On 7th October 2008 Paul Bolt, Director Sport and Leisure at DCMS published a letter to local authorities under the heading Free Swimming Programme http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/CMS_103800_Ltr_to_LAs_free_swimming.pdf . In that letter in Appendix A there is a list of monies allocated to each participating local authority from each of pots 1, 2 and 3. Please could you first confirm that in order to be included on the list of recipients, local authorities actually had to submit an application for the money, which I infer from the letter is the case. That being so, please could you send me a copy of the application from Wokingham Borough Council.'

I am dealing with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

As set out in our letter of 29 July, authorities who wished to participate in the free swimming offer for those aged 60 or over had to provide confirmation by 15 September 2008. For those wishing to participate in the under 16s element of the scheme, an expression of interest was required by this date. Our subsequent letter of 7 October asked local authorities to return a pro forma by 24 October, confirming their participation in each element of the Programme.

I am pleased to attach the information you requested. As you may be aware, Wokingham Council withdrew their expression of interest in the programme.

Please note that we have withheld the name and phone number of the official at Wokingham Council under section 40(2) (personal information) of the Act as disclosure of this information would be a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.

If you need any help or advice or have any questions about this letter, please contact Sharon Lewry (Public Engagement and Recognition Unit) on 020 7211 6307 or sharon.lewry@culture.gsi.gov.uk. Alternatively, please write to her at the address below. Please quote the above reference number in any communications.

Yours sincerely

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