

Case Study



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Community group uses FOI to explore the decision-making process which informed a funding cut.

The Orkney Pre-School and Play Association (the Association) requested a copy of a consultant's report from Orkney Islands Council which recommended that the Association's funding be cut. As a result of the report, the Association's funding was subsequently halted.

The report was withheld by the Council, which argued that it was exempt from release under the FOI exemptions which protect confidential information and personal data.

The Commissioner, however, found that these exemptions had been inappropriately applied by the Council, and required that the report be released to the Association.

The report has helped the Association understand elements of the Council's decision. The Association has since gone on to use FOI to request additional follow-up information from the Council.

Download full decision here:

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