



Request

We have been contacted by a resident in follow up to an FOI he submitted in 2022, which received a response with the reference RD/LS/DB/C106.13108 on 11/01/2022. FOI 12605

Having looked the FOI Disclosure and can't seem to retrieve the records – though we do have a physical copy.

The FOI as previously submitted stated:

“The amount of money that the council has put into the Manchester Airport Group from the beginning with up-to-date information covering the pandemic and the amount of money received from the group.”

If an up-to-date position could be provided for the period of time that has elapsed since the FOI was responded too, we would be grateful.

We would also welcome a briefing note that can be supplied to residents about Wigan Council's loaning of funds to Manchester Airport Group (MAG) transformation programme.

Response

Wigan Council's Investment in Manchester Airport has been in excess of 20 years. On that basis, we do not hold the information dating back so far in an easily retrievable format.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) Regulations. This is effectively 18 hours of officer time.

Therefore, for this FOI request (18574), we have provided the equivalent information that was provided for the same request made in 2022 (12605) which dated back 6 years but now includes the financial years up and including 2024/25.

Information relating to loans made to Manchester Airport is contained in an easily accessible format and is published annually within The Council's Statement of Accounts. Balances on the loans are published information. Disclosing interest rates and terms could prejudice the commercial interests of Manchester Airport Group and therefore this information is outside of the scope of FOI.

For ease, hyperlinks to the annual statements have been provided. Information can be found in Note 17 to the accounts under 'Long Term Debtors'.

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Manchester Airport Group Financial Interactions 2016-17 – 2024-25

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Manchester Airport Holdings Ltd - Shareholding % Held	3.22%	3.22%	3.22%	3.22%	3.22%	3.22%	3.22%	3.22%	3.22%
Manchester Airport Holdings Ltd - Shareholding Valuation	£43.7m	£51.9m	£52.7m	£30.2m	£32.0m	£18.6m	£20.1m	£43.6m	£43.4m
Manchester Airport Holdings Ltd - Dividend Received	£4.1m	£4.8m	£5.6m	£6.4m				£0.322m	£0.484m
Manchester Airport Car Park Ltd - Equity Investment Made				£1.870m	£3.740m				
Manchester Airport Car Park Ltd - C-Share Valuation					£5.7m	£4.8m	£4.3m	£4.3m	£4.4m
Manchester Airport Car Park Ltd - Dividend Received									0.413m
Shareholder Loan Advanced					£9.677m				
Shareholder Loan Interest	£1.129m	£1.113m	£0.692m	£1.120m	£4.141m	£3.360m	£3.565m	£3.867m	£3.908m