



## REQUEST 19512

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to Wigan Council's participation in the Pride in Place statutory programme. Please provide the following information:

1. Bid Submitted by Wigan Council
  - a. The total amount of funding Wigan Council applied for as part of the Pride in Place statutory programme.
  - b. Copies of the bid submission, including any supporting documents, business cases, or appendices provided to the Government as part of the application.
  - c. Details of any revisions or updates made to the bid before its submission.
  
2. Funding Received
  - a. The total amount of funding awarded to Wigan Council.
  - b. The dates on which funds were received.
  - c. Any conditions, restrictions, or ring-fencing requirements attached to the funding.

## RESPONSE

There are no bid submissions or supporting documents. The areas were selected by the UK government without a competitive bidding process.

a. The government has allocated a total of £60 million funding to three areas of the Borough:

- Leigh (Phase 1) - £20 million.
- Platt Bridge & Springview (Phase 2) - £20 million
- Marsh Green & Laithewaite (Phase 1)- £20 million

b. Payments will be made annually over the 10 year programme period. To date the only funding which has been received is 'capacity funding' to meet early milestones of the programme, including programme management support and community engagement for the establishment of neighbourhood boards in all three areas.

Payments were made as follows:

Phase 1:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 / £50,000
- 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 / £200,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 / £200,000

Phase 2:

- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 / £300,000

#### Impact Fund:

Wigan Council has also been selected to take part in the Pride in Place Impact fund and has been allocated £1.5 million. The payment made to date is:

- 02/02/2026 - £750,000

c. The guidelines and requirements for the funding are set out in the Pride in Place programme prospectus and other documents published by UK Government: [Pride in Place - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/pride-in-place)

Further information on the Leigh Pride in Place programme, including the approved boundary can be found here: [Leigh Neighbourhood Board](#)

### 3. Decision-Making Process for Allocating Funding Within the Borough

- a. All documentation, reports, assessments, options appraisals, scoring matrices, or criteria used by the Council to determine that Leigh would receive the funding (if applicable).
- b. Any internal correspondence, officer notes, emails, or meeting minutes relating to the choice of Leigh as the preferred or sole beneficiary.
- c. Details of any public, stakeholder, or political consultation undertaken as part of the decision-making process.

All decisions made regarding the allocation of funding to Leigh was made by the UK government. Therefore, no documentation can be provided about the selection of Leigh, or other areas.

Information on the government's methodology can be found here: [Pride in Place - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/pride-in-place)

### 4. Consideration of Other Areas

- a. The list of other locations within Wigan Borough that were considered but not selected for Pride in Place funding.
- b. The reasons each of these areas was not included in the final allocation.
- c. Any evidence, analysis, or evaluation showing how alternative options were assessed and ruled out.

See section 3.

5. Policies or Guidance

See section 3.

- a. Any internal guidance, criteria, or policy framework the Council used to determine prioritisation within the Borough for Pride in Place funding.
- b. Any central government guidance the Council relied on when making allocation decisions.