

Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Data Protection

We will use the information you give us during assessment and during the life of your Deal for Communities Funding (if awarded) to administer and analyse the Deal for Communities and for our own research purposes. We may give copies of all or some of this information to individuals and organisations we consult when assessing applications, administering the programme, monitoring the Deal for Communities and evaluating the Deal for Communities processes and impacts. These organisations may include universities, external evaluators, partners of the Council and other groups involved in delivering the project.

We may share information with organisations and individuals with a legitimate interest in the Deal for Communities. We have a duty to protect public funds and for that reason we may also share information with Lottery distributors, government departments, organisations providing matched funding or for the prevention and detection of crime.

If you provide false or inaccurate information in your application or at any point in the life of any Investment we award to you and fraud is identified, we will provide details to the police and fraud prevention agencies, to prevent fraud and money laundering.

We might use the data you provide for research purposes. We recognise the need to maintain the confidentiality of vulnerable groups and their details will not be made public in any way, except as required by law.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives members of the public the right to request any information that we hold. This includes information received from third parties, such as, although not limited to, Deal for Communities applicants. If information is requested under the Freedom of Information Act we will release it, subject to exemptions, although we may consult with you first. If you think that information you are providing may be exempt from release if requested, you should let us know when you apply.