

17th October 2023

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Dear

Freedom of Information Request: 152023

Following your email dated 8th October 2023 requesting the following:

I would like to issue a freedom of information request into the Industry Impact Fund with a few questions.

1. Will the Industry Impact Fund application dates continue beyond 2023?

2.What funding has been granted in this fund to date? and can details of Fund idea, funded company and Fund amount granted be provided

3.Can you provide a list of rejected applications and reasons for their rejection?

The response is as follows:

1. Will the Industry Impact Fund application dates continue beyond 2023?

Yes

2.What funding has been granted in this fund to date? and can details of Fund idea, funded company and Fund amount granted be provided

At present no funding has been approved. We are in the final stages of assessing two applications, however neither have yet been approved nor progressed to a funding agreement. It is our intention to be transparent with this fund, so once funding is approved the outline of the proposal and the participants information will be added to our website along with the usual accompanying communications e.g. Press Release and/or Social Media updates.

3.Can you provide a list of rejected applications and reasons for their rejection?

Application forms for this fund are not available on our website and will only be provided once discussions have been held (usually with someone from the Customer Engagement Team) and we are confident the proposal aligns with the purpose of this fund. For that reason, no applications have been rejected, however there will be cases where the initial proposals discussions have not been progressed.

If you are unhappy with this response, or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting Adrian Beckingham,



Strategy and Policy Director, CITB, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Peterborough, PB2 8TY or email <u>adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk</u>.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. You can raise a complaint with the ICO via their portal <u>www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints</u> or by contacting them at

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate)

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Yours sincerely Jonathan Francis Information Risk & Data Governance Manager