

From: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information

Sent: 09 August 2017 16:08

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - 2014/15 Recovery Plan

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: 051/16/17

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh's Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 12 July 2017. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA"):

051/16/17 (1) Please supply me with any form of written or recorded information instructing the interim principle to review the financial side of the college during 2014/15?

The Chair confirmed to the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 29 June 2017 that he had asked the Interim Principal to look at the financial side of the college to find out if the college's processes were right. The Chair is referring here to a discussion with the Interim Principal in which they both wanted to ensure that the operations within the college were up to standard. This was not a specific operational decision and there is no written instruction to the Principal. There was no official investigation. The Chair is referring to the Interim Principal's assessment of the operations of the college as part of her normal daily duties. The Interim Principal confirmed her assessment of the college's processes verbally to the Chair.

051/16/17 (2) Please supply me with the interim principal's report on her findings of the whole financial side of the college?

As above, there was no official investigation.

Previous to the departure of the Principle in 2014 I refer you to:

<http://doc.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/welcome/college%20gmt/board/1314/Minutes04November2014.pdf>

8.1 MINUTES 22.10.14 8.1.1 The Board NOTED the Policy & Resources Committee minutes from its first meeting held on 22 October 2014. 8.1.2 The Board NOTED that prior to the Committee meeting a Board delegation had met with the SFC to discuss the financial standing of the College, as agreed at the previous meeting of the Board (minute 6.3.3/02.09.14 refers). The Board NOTED that the SFC had demonstrated a willingness to engage with the College in-relation to key areas of curriculum, finance and leadership.

051/16/17 (3) Please advise if the interim principles review of the financial side of the college was part of the agreed recovery plan with the SFC to address the financial and curriculum issues facing the college?

No. As above, there was no official investigation.

051/16/17 (4) Please supply me with the interim principles final report/handover on her investigation/review.

As above, there was no official investigation.

051/16/17 (5) And/or please supply me with the SFC/Edinburgh College final report of the Recovery Plan.

Please note, there was no final report. At the P&R Committee on 26 November 2015 it was agreed that the Development Plan would be progressed through a new plan for the College. The Transformation Plan was then agreed at the Board Meeting on 08 December 2015.

Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Head of Corporate Development at the postal address below or e-mail the Head of Corporate Development at governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and home address for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

Head of Corporate Development
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Edinburgh College (Milton Road Campus)
24 Milton Road East
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When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

The Commissioner's online appeal service is available from their website:
www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

The online appeal service is available 24/7 and offers you real time help and advice about your appeal.

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Regards
FOI Team