

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 August 2017 03:36
To: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information <FOI@edinburghcollege.ac.uk>
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Interim Principal

Dear Edinburgh College,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Edinburgh College's handling of my FOI request 'Interim Principal'.

This information supplied does not specifically answer my question regarding the interim principal. The Business Transformation Plan was formulated after the new principal had ordered a review into the misuse of additionality according to the new Principal which was requested in September 2015.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:
https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/interim_principal

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information
Sent: 04 September 2017 16:13
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Interim Principal

Dear [REDACTED]

In your original request (**Our Ref: 053/16/17**) you ask "In 2014 whilst the interim Principal was in role at Edinburgh College, can you confirm that she undertook a recovery plan with the SFC in relation to the key areas of curriculum, finance and leadership".

Under our duty to provide advice and assistance, our response to you on 22 August 2017 explained the following:

- the recovery plan refers to the transformation plan (as confirmed by Audit Scotland in their 2015/16 Section 22 Report of Edinburgh College).
- the transformation plan is formed of four overarching programmes of work.
- the initial development plan was put in place between November 2014-April 2015.

As you have stated in your second email to us on 25 August 2017, the 2015/16 Section 22 Report of Edinburgh College confirms that between November 2014 - April 2015 "Interim Principal in post - puts initial development plan in place".

We have attempted to provide as much information as possible against your original question and it is unclear what further information you are seeking from the review.

Can you please confirm why you believe the college has not answered your original question relating to the recovery plan and we will undertake a review accordingly.

Regards
FOI Team

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 September 2017 19:43
To: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information <FOI@edinburghcollege.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Interim Principal

Dear Edinburgh College Freedom of Information,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to clarify, I believe the confusion is in the semantics.

Are you confirming that the recovery/development/Transformation plan is just one particular exercise? It was my understanding that there was different/separate reviews, which is what I am trying to differentiate between.

Therefore when the interim principal took up post, was it this point that 'a' plan was put in place with SFC that covered curriculum, finance and leadership?

The Business Transformation Plan as you have stated has four overarching programmes of work, which has led me to believe that this is a separate review/development plan put into place.

To summarise, from the outset in November 2014 any all development programmes/reviews/plans have all included more than one strand which includes in the least Finance and curriculum?

Additionally, confirmation that each review whether with or without SFC involvement this was one single exercise?

I hope this helpful for you to be able to answer my request.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information
Sent: 11 September 2017 16:26
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Interim Principal

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your clarification email (received 10 September 2017). Your email contains 4 new requests for information and will be treated as new FOI requests under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

Our Ref: 059/16/17

059/16/17 (1) Are you confirming that the recovery/development/Transformation plan is just one particular exercise? It was my understanding that there was different/separate reviews, which is what I am trying to differentiate between.

059/16/17 (2) Therefore when the interim principal took up post, was it this point that 'a' plan was put in place with SFC that covered curriculum, finance and leadership?

059/16/17 (3) To summarise, from the outset in November 2014 any all development programmes/reviews/plans have all included more than one strand which includes in the least Finance and curriculum?

059/16/17 (4) Additionally, confirmation that each review whether with or without SFC involvement this was one single exercise?

We will respond by 06 October 2017.

Kind regards
FOI Team