26 February 2016

Reference number: Fol - 278

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to the request you made to BBSRC under the Freedom of Information Act, which was received on Wednesday 3 February 2015.

Statement of information requested

I'd like the following under the Freedom of Information Act please:
A copy of the latest edition of the BBSRC corporate risk register.

Background

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is one of seven Research Councils that work together as Research Councils UK (RCUK). It is funded from the Government’s Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. BBSRC’s budget for 2014/15 was £509M and it supports around 1,600 scientists and 2,000 research students in universities and institutes in the UK. Information about BBSRC’s mission can be found on our website at http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/mission.aspx.

UK Shared Business Services (UK SBS) provides a range of services, including IT, to BBSRC and other public sector organisations. UK SBS enters contracts on its clients behalf and provides services to them.

Duty to confirm or deny

BBSRC does hold the information requested.

Exemptions

Some of the information you have requested is exempt from release under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

This exemption states the following: “Release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity.)"

Further information regarding the Freedom of Information Act and exemptions can be viewed using the following link: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guidance-index/freedom-of-information-and-environmental-information-regulations/

Requested Information

All the information that BBSRC can release for your request is contained in the attached annex 1.

If you have any further questions, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer
Publication: please note that this response to your request may be published on a public website.

Complaints Process

If you are dissatisfied with how we have handled your request, you may register a formal complaint with the BBSRC Complaints Officer at complaints.officer@bbsrc.ac.uk, who will conduct an internal review.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 01625 545 745, https://ico.org.uk/.
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<td>UK SBS Quality and Delivery of services - continuity and quality of service</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Representation on Working Groups, regular review of UK SBS performance. Engagement with UK SBS communications surrounding the planned closure. Pan RCUK and BIS working to develop alternative solutions. BBSRC’s Business Continuity plan undergoing review</td>
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<td>RS257</td>
<td>Operational Cost Reduction Programme (OCRP) - effective management of change</td>
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<td>BBSRC resource provision to the Operational Cost Reduction Programme, proactive planning for the future and clear two way communication with both BBSRCs employees and the community</td>
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<td>Research Grants Processing - processing solution</td>
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<td>BBSRC input to BIS Grants Review. Continued Cross-Council financial input to support current solution. Cross-Council Grants Governance Group (G3) to make recommendations on the current grants solution to RCUK Funding Research Team.</td>
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<td>Loss of Key Staff - in relation to forthcoming changes and uncertainty</td>
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<td>Provision of staff benefits, communication of development opportunities and reward mechanisms as well as opportunities for participation in wider activities, and planned succession planning.</td>
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<td>BBSRC Bioeconomy Champion and Bioeconomy Lead in place, Transition Manager in place to manage the transition from project into BAU. Project success indicators being created.</td>
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Please note: information which is deemed to be commercially sensitive has been redacted.