

241127(148) FOI Funding

From: [Freedom of Information](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Freedom of Information Request
Date: 27 November 2024 16:28:00
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 12 November 2024. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (12 November 2024)

In addition to accounts reviewed that were submitted by the applicant, as part of the due diligence conducted by South of Scotland Enterprise Trust, please verify:

1. Did you review all previous [REDACTED] positions held by [REDACTED] & conduct any interviews of fellow trustees?
2. Did you check all published news articles relating to [REDACTED] & fact check to verify veracity of that being reported?
3. Did you review all Dumfries Sheriff Court criminal cases involving [REDACTED]
4. Did you request & review copies of all complaints filed by [REDACTED] & filed against [REDACTED]

FOI RESPONSE

As mentioned in our response to your freedom of information request of 3 October 2024, all SOSE grant awards follow our standard appraisal and due diligence processes. Information relating to the organisation and the project is gathered and analysed against standard appraisal criteria:

- Strategic case
- Economic case (including impact on Place, Inclusive Growth, Fair Work, Net Zero, Natural Capital, Community Wealth Building)
- Financial case (including consideration of Value for Money, additionality, displacement)
- Management case
- Commercial case

The approval process follows our Delegated Authority Policy and successful approval is based on project alignment with strategic priorities, appraisal criteria (above) and available budget.

SOSE would not undertake the four checks mentioned as part of our standard appraisal

process. If you have concerns about how a charitable organisation is being run, you can contact the [Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#).

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

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Regards

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