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Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00372

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 28 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Please can you kindly tell me which were the successful applicants for these two calls and what were the "pass marks" for each call.

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Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

We can confirm that due to the timescales for these competitions the information on successful applicants for the Temporary Framework Programme and de minimum Round 2 is not yet available on the funded projects [transparency data](#)¹ for this month, but should be available on the next update in December. Taking this into consideration, we have determined that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

Public interest in favour of disclosure

- There is a general public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information to ensure transparency and openness of these grants.
- There is also a public interest in transparency in order to ensure the accountability of public organisations and how they spend public funding.

Public interest in favour of withholding the information

- UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to fund applications is in the public interest. However, the information requested is still incomplete and we are of the view that releasing the information as it currently stands would be inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and thus not in the public interest.
- We consider that premature release would give a misleading impression of the grant funding outcomes and would put undue pressure on Innovate UK to publish outside of its scheduled timeframes which would lead to a disproportionate burden on the Institution. This would not be in the public interest.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

- A full list of organisations, funds distributed and amounts under the Sustainable Innovation Fund will be published in accordance with our transparency duties once this data has been collected. As stated above, we expect this to be released in December and the transparency page will be updated accordingly.

The balance of the public interest therefore lies in withholding this information, as the public interest does not justify release of this information outside of the scheduled timeframes.

We can however confirm that pass marks were as follows:

For Round 1, The Sustainable Innovation Fund (Temporary Framework) the pass mark was 72.3%

For Round 2, The Sustainable Innovation Fund: Round 2 (de minimis) the pass mark was 70%

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

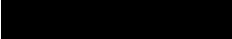
Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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