

REQUEST

I am writing on behalf of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of South Korea.

The Ministry is performing some research regarding the local taxation system and authority which local governments have in the UK. I am providing three queries from the Ministry of the Interior and Safety below:

1. Does Greater London Authority have a comprehensive budget (or revenues) which they can decide how to spend (e.g. on road maintenance, or economic development projects, urban restoration etc.) without restrictions imposed on the usage? If so, could you please provide any information regarding any rules/regulations around this?

For example, the Regional Development Agency (1988-2010) used to receive a comprehensive budget (single pot) from Department of Trade and Industry, and RDA distributed it between projects based on their own decisions, without any restrictions or fixed usage/purpose prescribed.

2. Do you have any system or program allowing local citizens to participate in the decision making process, for example through local referenda or drawing up budgets based on co-operation between GLA and local citizens? If so, could you please provide any information regarding any rules/regulations around this, and more specific information about the program itself?

3. Can local Councillors participate in and/or oversee the stage of drawing up the budget?

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 11 September to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC).

I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does not hold any information relating to your request. The Greater London Authority (GLA) may be able to assist you and you can contact their FOI team here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>