



Freedom of Information request reference number: 8199.1

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## Request:

In your briefing note 'Extreme Weather Response 2023' it states "The City of London Corporation has been engaged to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to assist LFB by providing equipment and plant to support the management of extreme weather risk across approximately 15,000 acres of open land in London."

Please could you provide a copy of this MoU please?

## Response:

Thank you for your enquiry reference the above (FOI 8199.1). I can confirm that we are in collaboration with the City of London Corporation and the Memorandum of Understanding is at an accelerated draft stage.

We expect this to be in place soon and would be happy to share when it is live.

We are not obliged, under <u>section 22 of the FOIA</u>, to provide information that is intended for future publication.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption. This means that, even if the requested information falls within it, then I must go on to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information at the present time. As the information is of wider interest to the public, the decision has been made to make the information accessible simultaneously to the general public rather than a piecemeal disclosure to a small number of individuals under the FOIA. Therefore, it is in the wider interest that information is accessible to the public by adhering to the publication schedule and, as such, is withheld from disclosure at this current time.

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