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(CCC) Planning Inspection

I should be grateful if you would answer the request below. Following submission of the application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate by Anglian Water Services Limited on 31st January 2023, subsequent withdrawal an re-application,;

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please confirm the spend to date from the corresponding Housing Infrastructure Forward Funding Grant of £227m and therefore from the public purse.

NB: It is understood that the DCO application has been temporarily withdrawn by Anglian Water but the spend at point of initial submission will be sufficient.

Please could you confirm that the City Council, handling the HIF of £227m, has not reimbursed any Anglian Water companies at all for any spend AW has incurred in preparation for, or in relation to, the DCO application?

Please confirm, therefore, that the full forward funding grant of £227m is still held by either Homes England or Cambridge City Council and is accruing interest?

Response

With reference to any payments made by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning team to Anglian Water in relation to the DCO, in which case the answer is zero.

The HIF Forward Funding agreement relating to the £227m covers both the enabling stage (costs incurred leading up to and including the determination stage of the DCO) and the delivery stage (post DCO delivery, subject to DCO approval). Costs incurred from the HIF fund to the City Council and Anglian Water for the enabling stage remain on budget, as agreed with Homes England, and are capped at £31.5m total. Homes England and Treasury currently retain funds not yet claimed/approved.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
