



**First-tier Tribunal
(General Regulatory Chamber)
Information Rights**

Appeal Reference: EA/2017/0287

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

Appellant

and

RESPONDENT'S NAMES

Respondent

and

ANDREW LOWNIE

Second Respondent

DECISION BY CONSENT ORDER

1. The Decision Notice issued on 20 November 2017 number FS450698596 and FS50711698 ("the Decision Notice") is substituted in the following terms:
 - 1.1. The Commissioner does not require the University to take the steps at paragraphs 3 and 4.
 - 1.2. Paragraph 7 is substituted to read: "The University has failed to respond to these requests within 20 working days."

Consent terms

2. By consent the appeal is allowed in part:
 - 2.1. To the extent that the University of Southampton ("the University") appeals against paragraph 2 of the Decision Notice, namely the finding that the University breached section 10(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by failing to respond to Mr Andrew Lownie's requests within 20 working days, the appeal is dismissed.
 - 2.2. To the extent that the University appeals against the requirement to take the steps set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Decision Notice, the appeal is allowed.

Reason and costs

3. The reason for allowing the appeal as set out in paragraph 1.2 above is that the steps at paragraphs 3 of the Decision Notice had already been taken by the University before the Decision Notice was issued.
4. Parties have agreed to each bear their own costs.

This decision was made by the Tribunal Registrar. A party is entitled to apply in writing within 14 calendar days of the date this document is sent for this decision to be considered afresh.

Signed: Mrs R Worth

Tribunal Registrar

Date: 24 April 2018