

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	14 March 2024
Decision Maker (Officer):	Ian Davidson
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 2 – Responsibility for Council non-executive Functions delegated to Officers, Chief Executive No. 10 (part 3.9) power to authorise compensation payments up to a maximum of £5,000 as a result of Local government. The Chief Executive 'Ian Davidson' has delegated operational matters relating to the Stage 2 Complaints and Ombudsman responses.
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	N/A – Not required
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To pay a complainant the sum of £250 following the Ombudsman's investigation (reference 22016869). In recognition of the avoidable frustration and inconvenience caused to them.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	This represents the practice of the Council where officers follow the recommendations of the Ombudsman investigation and ensure compensation payment is made to the complainant.

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	N/A	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	The non-payment of the proposed sum was not considered as this was a request received from the Ombudsman.	
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	N/A	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:	√	Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published
<i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i>	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
<u>and</u>		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
<i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

	And is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons: [insert]
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Officers

Signed: 

Title: Chief Executive

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