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Request:

Freedom of Information request - Scrutiny

Your CEO is on record stating that her trip to America was funded by BT. If your CEO is correct and BT did in fact pay all her costs, I would like any and all information regarding Suffolk County Council's scrutiny of her American trip in light of her business negotiations with BT and the fact that BT are on record stating "Given the Public Sector rules on acceptance of hospitality and the reputation and benefits of the programme, clients pay their own flights and accommodation costs."

Response:

The role of the Chief Executive within the relationship between the County Council and BT with regard to Customer Service Direct Ltd, is currently being reviewed as part of the investigation prompted by whistleblowing allegations. It is not appropriate for the County Council to make any further comment at this time.