



# Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

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Dear Mr Lavery,

Thank you for your email of 31<sup>st</sup> January, in which you made the following request for information:

***“Please supply all correspondence from Matt Warman, MP acting as Minister for Digital and Broadband, sent to public servants holding a public office within NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL including, but not limited to, Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive Officer, from 01 September 2019 - 01 November 2019.”***

We are dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). We can confirm that the department holds some information within the scope of your request. However, we have determined that some of this information may be exempt from release under section 36 (prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs) of the Act. This is a qualified exemption and, as such, it is necessary to carry out a public interest test to consider whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

By virtue of section 10(3) of the Act, where public authorities have to carry out a public interest test, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. Due to the need to consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested, the Department will not be able to respond to your request immediately. However, we hope to let you have a substantive response to your request by 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team  
**Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**

## Complaints and comments

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: [foi@culture.gov.uk](mailto:foi@culture.gov.uk). You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation

