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What Do They Know
(By Email)

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Dear Mr Clarke

Re: request for information under The Freedom of Information Act.

Please accept our apologies for the late response to your request for information dated 9 November 2020. If you have any queries with regard to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please note our statement in respect of Copyright, which is also attached.

If you are dissatisfied with the manner in which your request has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review. The University's Complaints and Appeals procedure is available at

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/governance/policies-regs/information/index.aspx>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
University of Birmingham

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Your request for information reads:

could you please send me redacted minutes of Council meetings since the 26th June 2019, which are the last ones available on the Birmingham University website.

The University of Birmingham responds:

The University of Birmingham is required to respond to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”) if it holds the information being requested, unless it is appropriate to apply one of the limited exemptions set out in the Act.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic The University of Birmingham is adapting its usual approach to processing Freedom of Information requests in order to meet the unprecedented challenges we are all facing. Whilst some staff are able to work remotely, since 23 March 2020 they are concentrating on supporting teaching and learning for our students who have returned for the new academic year under challenging circumstances. We are mindful that information requests place some degree of demand on a public authority’s resources in terms of costs and staff time and that for the foreseeable future the University must prioritise resources to other areas.

Confirmed minutes of Council Meetings since 26th June 2019 are currently available on the University of Birmingham’s website at

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/governance/council/index.aspx>.

The Refusal Notice below explains why you are being referred to the University’s website.

Refusal Notice

Reasons for non-disclosure

Section 21 – Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information reasonably accessible by other means

The information you have requested is available to the public on the University’s website. Therefore, under Section 21 of the Act, the University has not provided this information. More information about this exemption is available on the Information Commissioner’s Office’s website. <https://ico.org.uk/>.

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