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Mr Mike Thompson Request-588912-7819c11e@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Thompson

REQUEST FOR AN INTERNAL REVIEW OF CULLOMPTON TOWN COUNCIL'S HANDLING OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST.

I refer to your request for an internal review of Cullompton Town Council's handling of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The decision of the Town Clerk was not to release the information requested as follows

- (i) Audio copy of the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 11 July 2019 and
- (ii) Copy of approved Openness and Transparency policy.

The Town Clerk's reason for not providing the information was that the Council does not hold this information i.e. the meeting of the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee held on 11 July 2019 was not recorded and the Council does not have an Openness and Transparency policy.

As the Council is satisfied that the information requested doesn't exist then it can't be provided. The Committee therefore supports the decision of the Clerk not to provide the information. However, the concern raised about the lack of a policy will be considered by the Council.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision you may write to: Cullompton Town Council, 1 High Street, Cullompton EX15 1AB

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Officer, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF for a decision.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judy Morris TOWN CLERK