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Per Email

Mr/s Ally Tibbitt request-521229-123b8753@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr/s Tibbitt

Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA): F/11199 – Brexit Planning

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 22 September 2018 as noted below.

I am interested in information from held by your organisation that relates to the process of planning and preparing for a possible future when the UK may not be a member of the European Union ("Brexit"). In particular:

 How much has been spent on external consultants or support to advise on the implications and consequences of brexit, or recommend actions to mitigate any possible brexit impacts? If spend has occurred, please confirm the name of the supplier or suppliers and copies of any material produced by this process.

Not applicable.

 Please supply copies of any brexit planning documentation held by the organisation or consumed by senior management. This may include, but should not be limited to, Risk Assessments, Action Plans, Meeting minutes, Reports and presentations.

Please see attached.

3. Please supply technical or advisory briefing documentation on brexit that has been produced by the organisation and supplied to other government agencies or bodies.

Please see attached.

4. Please supply copies of any technical or advisory documentation that has been supplied to the agency from other public bodies that relates to Brexit contingency planning.

Please see attached.

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5. Please supply details of any assessment that has been made of the financial impact on the organisation, either positive or negative, of the brexit process. Has the organisation set-aside a contingency fund or invested as a direct consequence of the brexit process? If so, please provide summary details.

Please see attached. The Authority has not set aside a contingency fund or invested as a direct consequence of the brexit process.

I trust the above has answered your query, however, an applicant who is dissatisfied with the way in which Midlothian Council has dealt with his/her request for information under Section 1(1) of the FOISA may, by virtue of Section 20 of the FOISA, require Midlothian Council to review its actions and decisions in relation to that request.

I have attached for your information a copy of Midlothian Council's Complaints Procedure under the FOISA.

Yours sincerely

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