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Dear Mr Benjamin

## Request Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to your email of 4 January 2017, I have now had opportunity to consider the Council's internal review into the response you received to your information request of 12 December 2016 (FOI reference 9971). The internal review looked specifically at the following two parts of your request:

*(3) Please provide current contract and procurement documents for the Investment Adviser(s) to the Pension Fund Committee.*

*(4) Please provide current procurement and contract documentation for the external fund manager(s) as set out in investment management agreements.*

I appreciate your comments on the importance of releasing information in relation to public spending, in order to facilitate transparency and public scrutiny. However there is public interest in the Council maintaining relationships with suppliers and respecting their right to confidentiality.

I believe that the exemptions (Section 41: Information provided in confidence, and section 43: Commercial interests) were correctly applied in the Council's original response. I therefore conclude that the original response provided by the Council was correct.

This review concludes the Council's internal process, however if you remain dissatisfied with this response you should address your concerns to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The contact details for the ICO are as follows:

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