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## PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Paul Carr

6 May 2021

Dear Paul

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000, Response to Internal Review, Ref: FOI-7744-2020**

I am writing in response to your request for an internal review relating to the above request that was received on 23/04/2021

Your original request to the council was received on 10/12/2020 and asked for information about the cost of fluoridation equipment. The council responded to your request on 16/12/2020.

Cumbria County Council received the below correspondence from you on 6th April 2021 regarding the original FOI disclosure, reference FOI-7744-2020:

*"Are you seriously telling me that the council does not know how much money is being spent on the associated fluoridation costs at this new scheme at Williamsgate?"*

*Even if the costs are ring fenced there is still a duty for these costs to be monitored and checked to ensure best value for money.*

*I respectfully suggest the council find out for their information and action if necessary and at the same time provide me with the information I have requested."*

I have undertaken an Internal Review of the original disclosure, contacting all relevant departments and officer involved. Please see the below statement with reference to your request:

All capital costs for the fluoridation element are initially funded by United Utilities and reimbursed by Public Health England. Cumbria County Council only funds the operating costs so currently have funded nothing for the Williamsgate site. Cumbria County Council have had no involvement in the decision to withdraw the extraction license from Ennerdale and Crummock Water for the domestic water supply. Cumbria County Council are additionally not responsible for the planning, design, engineering, tendering or procurement at the Williamsgate water treatment works. The information requested would be held by either United Utilities or Public Health England.

No further information is currently held with Cumbria County Council.

If you are not satisfied with the council's internal review you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner (contact details provided below):

First Contact Team  
Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

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E-mail: [casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk)  
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If you have any queries please contact us.

Kind Regards

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