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Dear Mr Shaw-Wright

FOI Request 3675

Thank you for your request for information relating to the Garden Village Expression of Interest. Although your request was made under the Freedom of Information Act it is our view that the material falls within the Environmental Information Regulations as it relates to land use planning. We have therefore responded under this legislation.

You have specifically requested the following -

1. Could you please supply the names of Officers and Members who were involved with the Garden Village project.
2. When meetings were held
3. Where minutes can be seen
4. And all costs associated with the project Inc consultants costs etc

Our responses are as follows:

Could you please supply the names of Officers and Members who were involved with the Garden Village project.

The Senior Officers who were involved with the project were Mary Weastell Chief Executive, James Cokeham Head of Strategic Planning Policy and Economic Development, Gillian Marshall Solicitor to the Council and Mike James Lead Officer Marketing and Communications. In addition Dave Caulfield Director of Economic Regeneration and Place became involved with the project in its latter stages after he joined the Council.

More junior officers in the Council had some limited input into the preparation of the document. However this information is withheld as under the Data Protection Act, given the limited nature of the involvement and their roles within the Council, these officers have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

When meetings were held

We have looked through diaries of Senior Officers involved in the submission and have compiled a list of meetings where the subject was recorded as being the EOI or where email exchanges regarding drafts of the Expression of Interest indicate that the EOI was discussed. This is attached.

It cannot be guaranteed that the list is a complete list of every meeting where this was discussed as we have only been able to search diaries by subject or where the emails refer to a meeting having taken place since no minutes were taken.

Where minutes can be seen

There are no minutes of these meetings

And all costs associated with the project Inc consultants costs etc

Spawforths were paid £49,250 for work to prepare the Expression of Interest between the end of March 2016 and the submission at the end of July 2016. This includes work done by sub-contractors but managed by Spawforths.

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 should write to Julie Slatter Director of Corporate Services and Commissioning.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Selby District Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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