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Dear Mr Brook

Freedom of Information Request

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, you have requested the following information:

Please provide copies of documents be they letters, e-mail or whatever method of communication was employed to prove the following statement put before Cabinet on 21 March 2022:

'As part of the recent capitalisation direction, the Improvement Panel and Government Ministers have made it clear they expect the Council to dispose of surplus assets where appropriate to to help support the current financial position.'

Ahead of the Council's 2022/23 Budget setting Minister Kemi Badenoch wrote to Cllr Ali setting out the conditions for Council's capitalisation direction. In the letter Minister Badenoch notes:

'I have also considered areas where the Council needed to go further such as resolving challenges in the Council's property ventures and development of an asset disposal plan.'

She also highlights that in consideration of the 22/23 Capitalisation Direction the Secretary of State will take into account:

'Evidence from the Improvement and Assurance Panel of the Council's progress in developing and delivering against an asset disposal strategy;'

The letter also notes a condition to the capitalisation direction:

'That within three months of this capitalisation direction, the Council develops and shares with the Department a plan for the generation of additional capital receipts (either through asset disposals or changes to its capital programme).'

A full copy of the letter from Minister Badenoch was published as part of the papers for the 7th March Cabinet Meeting and is available at

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/documents/b9951/Appendix%20J-%20Letter%20from%20the%20Minsiter%20of%20State%20to%20the%20Leader%20of%20the%20Council%20with%20regard%20to%20the%20capita.pdf?T=9>

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Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

Croydon Council