

Our reference RFI 1254

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— Dear Ms Oliver

Request for information - RFI 1254

Thank you for your request for information received by the Commission on 8 February 2010.

You asked for:

‘what punishments and or sanctions exist to be used against senior council officers and councillors who ignore the Council's own Fraud and Irregularities policies, should a loss to the taxpayer/council taxpayer of several millions of pounds be caused by their actions?’

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

The Freedom of Information Act provides you with a right of access to recorded information held by the Commission. The Commission does not hold any recorded information that would answer your request.

Your request seems to be requesting advice regarding a hypothetical situation arising at a particular council. Questions of this nature should be submitted to the relevant appointed auditor.

The appointed auditor for Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council is Tim Watkinson.

You can contact Mr Watkinson:

Tel: 0844 798 7045

Email: xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx

I am sorry I cannot help you further with this.

If you are unhappy with this response, or the way your request has been handled, you can raise a complaint under the Audit Commission's Access to Information Complaint and Appeal Procedure. Please find a copy attached.

Yours sincerely

Shaun Kavanagh
Public Enquiries Officer