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Date: 6th August 2019
Our ref: JC
Your ref:

This matter is being dealt with by:

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Dear Mr Rodgers,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Review of Response to Request for Information
Review reference 2019-08

I refer to your e-mail dated 26th July 2019 requesting a review of an earlier response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your original request contained in an e-mail dated 25th June 2019 was:-

"How many north east councillors / MP's from 2010 to 2019 have been associated with TWAF - Tyne & Wear, Anti-fascist Association and which political part(ies) these local authority councillors /MP's are registered, if any. In addition to, what association TWAF and local councillors have with any trade union movement, under the TUC, such as Unison, unite, GMB or the RMT."

A response was provided to you dated 24th July 2019. As an officer not involved in the provision of the information under the earlier response, I have undertaken the necessary review.

Information was provided to you in the earlier response and you have not specified which part of the response you are seeking a review of. If your review request relates to the fact that the information was supplied in relation to Sunderland City Council only, rather than all of the north east authorities, the explanation given in paragraph three of the earlier response was correct. This Council can only supply the information it holds. The Freedom of Information Act does not compel authorities to research or create information it does not hold. If you wish to obtain information about other authorities, you will need to

send those authorities the request direct.

Otherwise you were advised that two Labour members have been appointed by this authority to the TWAFa over the time period specified and were provided with the relevant link to allow you to check whether any declarations of interest had been made by any current members in relation to any association with TWAFa or a trade union. It was explained that the link to the information on the Council's website is information made available under the Council's Publication Scheme, and as it is information reasonably accessible to you otherwise than under the individual right of access under section 1 of the 2000 Act, it is therefore exempt information under the Act which the Council is not required to provide to you separately. It was also confirmed that those paper records still in existence for previous members had been checked and no declarations of interest found as queried.

I agree with the explanation given to you in relation to the information available to you under the Publication Scheme and therefore consider that the exemption to that part of your request (under Section 21 of the 2000 Act) was correctly applied. As a result I consider that your request for information was fully and correctly responded to.

If you are unsatisfied with this response, then you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether or not the Council has complied with Freedom of Information Act requirements. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely



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