

## **Information Resilience and Transparency**

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Date: 14 February 2019

Dear Mr Elliot

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to Head of CS. Please see the response provided below:

- 1)Of the Twenty-Five Thousand Pounds (£25,000) of Public Money it cost to replace Mr Dunkley (his contract terminating early, by 'mutual consent' confirmed).
  - a. How much of this money did Mr Dunkley receive (£25,000 paid) b. KCC have conceded (online on KCC Website), Mr Dunkley declared interests in the SAME COMPANY that was paid these sums. Therefore, such interests and detailed questions must be provided by KCC This is not information that is held by KCC.
- 2. Further to the £25,000 paid to the firm Mr Dunkley declare(d) a personal interest to and was 'active' within.
  - a. How much money did Mr Dunkley receive, (if anything) for PLACING his REPLACEMENT with Norfolk DC, given he was 'close friends' of his replacement, whom worked together This is not information that is held by KCC.
- 3. How much 'Golden Welcome' was awarded by KCC to Mr Dunkley for STARTING with KCC SCS? No 'golden welcome' payment was made.
- **4.How much money was paid by KCC to RECRUIT Mr Dunkley-** Disclosing these costs would reveal information about contract rates that are considered to be commercially sensitive and if released into the public domain, would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of both the Council and its contractor; this would hinder fair competition by giving rival companies an unfair advantage.

The exemption relied upon here is specifically s43(2) which states that "Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)." We

consider the public interest is best served by promoting a competitive market operating on a level playing field and therefore public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure on this occasion.

- 5. Which Agency did KCC use to Recruit Mr Dunkley Penna.
- 6. For 'THAT' recruitment. How much money/favours were paid (by favour or otherwise) to Mr Dunkley by the 'firm' used to recruit Mr Dunkley –This is not information that is held by KCC.

If you are unhappy with this response, and believe KCC has not complied with legislation, you have 40 working days from the date of this response to ask for a review. You can do this by following our complaints process; details can be found at this link <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/contact-us/complaints-and-feedback#tab-7">https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/contact-us/complaints-and-feedback#tab-7</a> on our website. Please quote reference 4764866.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who oversees compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Details of what you need to do, should you wish to pursue this course of action, are available from the Information Commissioner's website <a href="http://ico.org.uk/concerns">http://ico.org.uk/concerns</a>

Yours sincerely

Carly Wattle Information Access Officer