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Dear Mr M Dean...

Freedom of Information Request 7294009

Thank you for your recent request. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

“1. All emails between LCC's Procurement Department and Martin Grant (SSC) regarding the Churchill Flyovers?”

Response

In relation to the specifics of this request, we would note that this request is by virtue of its form and content linked to information requests reference 7294005, 7294006, 7294007, 7294008 and 7294010 each of which, in sequence, seeks the following information –

7294005

“SSC held a number of meetings with LCC over the Churchill Flyovers. Based on this can you please provide the following:

1. All emails between LCC's Procurement Department and David Anderson (SSC) regarding the Churchill Flyovers?”

7294006

“SSC held a number of meetings with LCC over the Churchill Flyovers. Based on this can you please provide the following:

1. All emails between LCC's Highways Department and David Anderson (SSC) regarding the Churchill Flyovers?”

7294007

“SSC held a number of meetings with LCC over the Churchill Flyovers. Based on this can you please provide the following:

1. All emails between LCC's Highways Department and Martin Grant (SSC) regarding the Churchill Flyovers?”

7294008

“1. All emails between LCC's Finance Department and Martin Grant (SSC) regarding the Churchill Flyovers?”

7294010

“1. All emails between LCC's Legal Services Department and Martin Grant (SSC) regarding the Churchill Flyovers?”

The City Council in considering interlinked requests for information has due regard to the time required to comply with requests in whole or part. In this instance as the requests are all interlinked, the City Council has aggregated the time required to collate and respond to this request.

The City Council would further note your previous information request, submitted under case reference 6374645, in which you submitted a series of questions which cumulatively amount to the same information requested in this request as well as in your current interlinked requests 7294005, 7294006, 7294007, 7294008 and 7294010.

For purposes of clarity, the relevant question engaged under case reference 6374645 was –

All emails between LCC and SSC regarding the Churchill Flyovers?

As the substance of this request together with interlinked requests 7294005, 7294006, 7294007, 7294008 and 7294010 is the same as that of the above question, the City Council has therefore aggregated the above requests and has concerned these together.

The City Council as a responsible public authority and as part of its contract management and operational deliver frameworks, meets and corresponds with representatives of its contractors on a regular basis. The number exchanges of emails are such as to require a substantial review of records across multiple service areas.

With Highways, Procurement, Finance and Legal Services potentially holding such information relevant to the four interlinked requests, a total of 396 email accounts for individuals will require to be checked, alongside physical records retained within each of those Service Areas. Representative searches have previously been conducted across 20 mailboxes which has indicated the minimum time requirement to complete searches would be 3 minutes for each mailbox. As such and allowing 3 minutes to complete each search for each individual email account and an individual search using the terms 'SSC', 'David Anderson' and 'Martin Grant' all in the context of the Churchill flyovers.

This results in a search time of 19.8 hours for each search, and across the 3 search terms a total of 59.4 hours. Turning to physical records, to conduct such a review would require a further 4 hours (1 hour per Service Area. As the overall time required totals 63.4 hours this substantially exceeds the 18 hour time limit as prescribed under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as such this exemption is applied to the aggregated request.

This concludes our response. This response also serves as a Notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in accordance with the application of Section 12.

If you remain dissatisfied you may also apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Information Commissioner's website is www.ico.gov.uk and the postal address and telephone numbers are:- Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK95AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113. Email – mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure)

We trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely
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