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Dear Mark Doyle,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received by the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **Your request:**

**Under the FOIA please supply the following information relating to the work of the designated Monitoring Officers of the Council in line with the duties outlined in the council constitution and Sections 5 and 5A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 covering the past 5 years**

**The number of investigations carried out**

**The areas of investigation (example: maladministration, contraventions of law, misconduct in office)**

**The number of reports made to the cabinet and or council (citing areas)**

**If none have occurred in the past 5 years, please indicate the date of the last investigation and report and relevant area.**

Your request has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

In the last five years, Ealing Council's monitoring officer has carried out no investigations under sections 5 and 5A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

You have also asked the date of the last investigation report and relevant area. The authority estimates that the cost of carrying out the necessary investigative work to respond to this aspect of your request would exceed the appropriate limit. Accordingly, the authority claims exemption from compliance, pursuant to section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Section 12: Exceeds the appropriate limit

In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are not obliged to comply with your request as the process of identifying, locating, retrieving and, where appropriate, extracting the information would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. This is currently £450 or 18 hours work.

We estimate that to identify and record the information requested would take a significant amount of resource and would exceed 18 hours work.

The manner in which the Council holds this information means that there is no way in which we can readily extract the requested information automatically.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for your request.

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely,

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