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Mr Bryce Halliday

Dear Mr Bryce Halliday

Internal Review Request 1058/17 re Case Ref 929/17

Thank you for your request for an internal review dated 21st June. We can now respond as follows.

Request History

On 26th June we responded to your request received on 26th May as follows:

"Requested Information

Please supply the 2015/and 2016 visitor figures for Moorland Road and Weston Branch libraries in Bath

Response

This information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 22 of the act (information intended for future publication). Although the Council aim to be transparent and accountable to the public we can confirm that this information will be published in the public domain shortly. These figures will be published as part of the needs analysis contained within the July cabinet report. This information will be available on the Council website in July 2017".

Internal Review

On 21st June we received your request for an internal in which you stated:

"Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Bath and North East Somerset Council's handling of my FOI request 'Please supply the visitor figures for Moorland Road Branch Library and Weston Branch Library in Bath'.

I was originally advised that there was a delay to my query being responded to, and the information would be available in mid June[please can you find out why this has not yet being advised to me Thank you,".

Determination

I have now reviewed your request together with our response and your request for an Internal Review. Our initial response confirmed that the information requested was due for future publication and would be available in the public domain in July. We have contacted the service area who has confirmed that information is available in the public domain at the link below.

Please note that this information is contained in appendix 2 of the Library Needs assessment. I can confirm this contains the visitor figures for 2015 and 2016 for both Moorland Road and Weston Libraries. They are in the tab called Trends- footfall, issues comps.

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/siteimages/Your-Council/Local-Research-Statistics/bnes_libraries_needs_assessment_2017_appendix_2_data_tables_and_sources.xlsx

Action Required

No further action required.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by visiting their website: www.ico.org.uk

Kind regards,

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