



Northumberland

County Council

Mr Peter Brooks

By email to

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Your ref:

Our ref: 4011

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Date: 12 June 2018

Dear Mr Brooks

INTERNAL REVIEW OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 4011

I have been asked by the Authority to conduct the above review in my capacity as Head of Technical Services who has not previously been involved in the matter at hand.

Under the Section 45 Code of Practice I am informing you of the outcome of your complaint, in accordance with the Council's obligations under paragraphs 43-46 of the code.

Having examined the documentation provided to me by the NCC Officer responsible for FoI issues, I can confirm that I have considered your requests for a review.

I have addressed your concerns and will summarise the results as follows:

In your FOI request you have asked for information regarding responses to the 'A Consultation About Education in the West of Northumberland - An opportunity to give us your views, PHASE 2 - 19 FEBRUARY - 9 APRIL 2018' document. You have asked for information about the quantities of responses received (the total number of responses received, the number of responses received by post, the number of responses received via the online form, the number of responses received by email, the number of responses received by other means) and for the information that the Council have recorded from the responses to be supplied as an electronic file in a csv or txt (tab delimited) format with information in specific fields.

In the County Council's response to your FOI request you were informed that the report on the outcomes of Consultation will be published on 24 April and will contain details of the consultation responses. In your request for Internal Review you stated that this response did not fulfil your request as it did not provide you with a summary of the quantities of responses received by delivery method and an electronic file in a csv or txt (tab delimited) format containing the information that the Council hold and have recorded from the responses.

The information regarding the responses to the "A Consultation About Education in the West of Northumberland" was published online on 24th April. The information is available at http://committeedocs.northumberland.gov.uk/MeetingDocs/36251_M7797.pdf. This document

contains all of the responses received. The responses were not separately classified by the delivery method they were received by and therefore the quantities of responses received by delivery method is not information that is held and therefore this cannot be made available. The information in the above document provides details of the type of respondent, associated school and respondents views on Models A, B and C. I have considered your request to receive information in a csv or txt (tab delimited) format. The spreadsheet from which the pdf document was created has therefore been converted into a csv format and is attached with this letter.

Advice and Assistance

The County Council recognises its statutory duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the Council is seeking to be transparent and open in its response.

Information Commissioner

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have a right by Section 50 of the Act to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act at:

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

Tel: 01625 545 745 / Fax: 01625 524 510

Email: enquiries@ico.gsi.gov.uk

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Kind regards



David Laux
Head of Technical Services