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Dear Mr Bright

**Re: FOI - Internal Review - 50805**

Thank you for your enquiry of 04/06/2021 where you requested an internal review of our response to the FOI-50805.

#### FOI Request

You submitted an FOI request dated 26/04/2021 as stated below, incorporated with the response to this request, which was issued to you on 25/05/2021:

I require all telephone records and correspondence between the Inspire Partnership Academy Trust, including but not limited to the CEO Robert Carpenter, and the Royal Borough of Greenwich, including but not limited to Cllr Danny Thorpe.

I request all correspondence between 1st August 2019 and 1st April 2021.

Specifically, please conduct a search of Cllr Danny Thorpe's personal phone, which is not exempt from disclosure under the FOIA if, as it appears, it was used to conduct council business with Cllr Thorpe acting as Leader-designate

I also require all records relating to a Code of Conduct complaint against Cllr Thorpe made on 10th and 15th June 2020 and all correspondence between and amongst councillors, senior and chief officers in relation to this matter. Please conduct a search of the personal email accounts and personal phones of Ms Debbie Warren, Chief Executive of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Mr John Scarborough, Director of Legal Services, Ms Florence Kroll, Director of Children's Services, Ms Katrina Delaney, Deputy Chief Executive of the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Cllr Danny Thorpe, Leader-designate. You will be aware

that data held within personal email accounts and on personal mobile phones is not exempt from disclosure under FOIA if, as I understand, it has been used to conduct council business.

I also require the advice provided by the independent person in relation to a Code of Conduct complaint of 10th and 15th June 2020. Disclosure of this advice is in the public interest and is not exempt in accordance with FOIA.

Please could you confirm if Cllr Thorpe made written representations in relation to the matter of 10th and 15th June 2020. If so, I request that this written representation is disclosed as it relates to Cllr Thorpe acting as Leader-designate and disclosure is in the public interest.

**The information you have requested is exempt in accordance with Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.**

**Section 14(1) of the FOIA states that: Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.**

#### Internal Review

On 04/06/2021 you emailed your request for an internal review as stated below, incorporated with the response to this Internal Review request:

Thank you for your response.

I am concerned that the council have applied exemptions incorrectly. The data I have requested is a matter of public interest and I am aware that case law is clear that information should be disclosed if "the information sought would be of value to the requester or to the public or any section of the public".

The ICO is also clear that "The more senior an employee is and the more responsibility they have for decision making and expenditure of public money, the greater their expectation should be that you disclose their names."

I have referred the council's apparent failure to comply with my request to the ICO for further consideration.

In accordance with FOIA, I require all records (including but not limited to all correspondence, invoices etc) in relation to the commencement and renewal of legal services provided to Inspire Partnership Academy Trust for the following periods: 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

**The Council has reviewed the information related to your original request and has decided to uphold its original decision.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply 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

Yours sincerely,

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