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Dear Mr Bright

Re: FOI - Internal Review - 50372

Thank you for your enquiry of 25/08/2021 where you requested an internal review of our response to the FOI-50372.

FOI Request

You submitted an FOI request dated 18/06/2021 as stated below, incorporated with the response to this request, which was issued to you on 01/07/2021:

Has anyone in role of Leader of the Council been spoken to by the Metropolitan Police in relation to their conduct or compliance with the rule of law? If so, on how many occasions and what was this in relation to?

Additionally, I request a response in relation to the following information:

- Have councillors or has the Leader of the Council either inquired and/or requested that certain content be posted on twitter, or has the Royal Borough of Greenwich received a direct message (DM) from the Leader of the Council's private and personal twitter account containing a tweet posted by the Leader of the Council?**
- Has the Royal Borough of Greenwich followed the Leader of the Council's private account or retweeted the Leader of the Council's personal tweets and how are these decisions made?**
- Has the Leader of the Council made complaints to employers of residents of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, whilst attaching copies of their tweets referencing services provided by the Royal Borough of Greenwich?**
- Has Legal Services been involved in any way with the processing of my request of 3rd January? Please provide all information in relation to the handling of this request and all associated email communication.**
- Please can you provide all telephone records between the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the Inspire Partnership Academy Trust.**

I am disappointed that you are yet to fully respond to concerns raised in an email of 8th February, specifically in relation to 'the reasons for requesting clarification given the information had been included in my request of 3rd January'. I would urge you to respond to this point within 14 days and without further delay.

I am also requesting an internal review of Greenwich Borough Council's handling of my FOI request 'Services provided to the Inspire Academy Partnership Trust and information relating to the Leader of the Council.' for the reasons outlined above.

The information you have requested is exempt in accordance with section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.(the Act)

Section 14(1) of the Act states:-

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

Internal Review

On 25/08/2021 you emailed your request for an internal review as stated below, incorporated with the response to this Internal Review request:

I am still awaiting a response to information requested under FOIA.

I note that you have alleged that some or all of this information is exempt, in an apparent attempt to avoid public scrutiny. It is unclear which part of the information requested you are alleging is exempt from disclosure, and you have not provided any supporting information or evidence.

I would remind you that as a Local Authority, the Royal Borough of Greenwich is publicly funded and exists to serve the public.

As you may be aware, the matter has been referred to the Information Commissioners Office and you may also be aware that previous concerns and complaints have been upheld by the ICO in relation to right of access and data handling.

Information I have requested is not exempt from disclosure and I expect to receive information requested and a full response to concerns raised, within 14 days.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Council has reviewed your request for information and has decided to uphold its original decision.

Your request for information is vexatious in accordance with section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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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