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Dear Madam

Information Request: Subscription Rooms

I refer to your previous correspondence regarding access to further information of the Task and Finish Group, with apologies for not updating you before now; it has simply been a matter of not having the opportunity to revert to you.

I reviewed the response to your request to access further information, in particular any notes of the meetings of the Group. Having raised the matter with the members of the Group, the Council's response to the request remains unaltered, the information being exempt from disclosure pursuant to S36 and S42 for the reasons detailed in my review letter. For clarity, the S22 exemption related to the draft report which was finalised and published in November and as such you have since received the pertinent information.

You will appreciate from last week's committee meeting, that since your request, a decision has been made not to accept the recommendation to sell the Subscription Rooms as per the Group's report, but rather to retain the building in public ownership and thereby advertise a lease of the asset for 30 years, following which the Strategy and Resources Committee will consider the matter in April 2018. Should you seek copies of any recorded information regarding that in due course, you are welcome to contact the Council.

Yours faithfully
Karen Trickey
Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer