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Dear Ms Pongracz

Information requested by: Spend Network

Review carried out by: Brad Pearton

Thank you for your recent correspondence to the council received on 3rd December 2021 with regards to your Freedom of Information (FOI) request 1267549.

Your request was for all council spend over £500 from March 2021 until the end of the most recent financial quarter. The council responded on 2nd December 2021 providing a link to the council's website where this information should be published, and you have complained that this information was not available and that the council is failing in its transparency obligations.

I have reviewed the response and I note that the council advised that the website would be updated in December this year, however, I do agree that the data for the second quarter of the financial year should already be available. I have contacted the service responsible for providing and publishing the information and they have confirmed that all data will be up to date and published at the start January 2022. The council does have an obligation to publish data and I agree that that this obligation has not been met on this occasion. I have spoken with the department and they have advised that due to a departmental reorganisation and resourcing issues they have not been able meet these required demands. However, these issues have been resolved and moving forward this information will be published on time in the future.

In conclusion, I uphold your complaint, the council did not provide you with the requested and has failed in its transparency obligations. Although I am at this stage, unable to provide the data, I can assure you that this will be available in the New Year.

If you are not content with the outcome of this Internal Review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a further decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx



Helpline on 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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