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Dear Mr Temple

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested on 04.02.2021.

A copy of the information that you requested is shown below.

1) Are the specific reasons as to why the information is exempt stated in the Agenda for the meeting?

Yes, any item restricted under Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is published with details of the applicable exclusion paragraph both on the agenda and public website.

2) Is the Part B of the meeting fully minuted and the full minute agreed in Part B of a future meeting?
If not, how is the Part B minuted?

Yes, restricted items are fully minuted and agreed at a subsequent meeting.

3) Are all or some papers considered under Part B routinely reviewed at a later date to establish whether the reason for their exemption remains valid, or whether the passage of time has resulted in the public interest in their publication out weighing the reason for which they were originally exempted?

Yes.

4) If only some items are routinely reviewed, what is the policy as to which items should be reviewed?

Not Applicable.

5) When it is established that the exempt paperwork or record relating to a Part B meeting is appropriate for total or partial publication, either as a result of routine review or because it has been supplied in reply to a Freedom of Information request, is that paperwork then published on the council's website alongside the other paperwork for the relevant meeting?



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Yes, if a document considered at a meeting is no longer consider exempt then it will be made publically available.

6) Has the council ever reviewed its policy on Part B papers in one of the council's public meetings?

The Council access to information rules determine how exempt items are excluded and are contained with the Constitution, these can be found on the Council's website at; <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/The-Council/Documents/Part4bAccessToInformationProcedureRules.pdf>

The Council's Monitoring Officer has an ongoing role to monitor and review the Constitution. Any necessary changes are then considered by meetings of Full Council. There are no recommendations to change the Procedural Rules relating to access to information on record.

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If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. You can contact the Information Commissioner at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, (www.ico.org.uk).

If you have any queries about this letter you can contact me, or write to: FOI, PO Box 4, Blackpool, FY1 1NA, or email us at FOI@blackpool.gov.uk. Please remember to quote your reference number when you contact us.

Yours sincerely

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