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Your ref:  
Our ref: **RFI-2016-1161**

31 October 2016

Dear Mr George-Wood

**Request for information: RFI-2016-1161**

Your request for information about postal voting in the EU referendum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 . has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

Overseas voting entitlement

- a) The TOTAL number of registered overseas voters; *519*
- b) The number of overseas voters who have permanent postal vote set up; *217*
- c) The number of overseas voters who registered a postal vote specifically for the above referendum ; *Not available (statistics available include all electors eligible) – temporary postal vote records are removed following the conclusion of a poll and data download files have been deleted (figures would be only be available by checking every overseas electors record)*
- d) The number of overseas voters who have a periodic postal vote set up, that entitled them to vote in the above named referendum; *0*
- e) The number of overseas voters who had named a proxy to vote on their behalf in the above named referendum; *137*

Number of votes issued and returned:

- a) The TOTAL number of postal votes issued; *17,549*
- b) The TOTAL number of postal votes returned; *16,028*
- c) The TOTAL number of postal votes rejected; *309*
- d) The number of OVERSEAS postal votes issued; *Not available (statistics available include all electors eligible) – data download files have been deleted*
- e) The number of OVERSEAS postal votes returned; *244*
- f) The number of OVERSEAS postal votes rejected; *Not required to specify types of electors that fail (figures would be available by checking the ‘other electors’ in a 146 page failure summary analysis)*

In respect of verification of postal votes, could you please confirm what method (or methods) were used to verify the validity of the completed postal vote:

- a) Visual comparison of both original documents; *No*
- b) Visual comparison where one or more of the comparison documents was a scanned image; *No*
- c) Use of automated recognition software and if this method was employed, the name of the software used; *Yes IDOX (Strand) SELCHECK*
- d) Other form of verification (please detail) *Not applicable*

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by the Director of Safety or the Deputy Chief Executive who have not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/)

Yours sincerely

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