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From: Darren Pearce
Sent: 13 January 2011 15:09
To: Karen Pedley
Cc: Paul Simpson; Paul Hackney; Kristina Taylor
Subject: RE: Vanguard

Hi Karen

I have just sent a reminder e-mail to Vanguard asking them for confirmation today that they are the only company who own the intellectual property rights for the 'Vanguard Methodology' and that they have not licenced these rights out to another provider. This being the case, the advice can then be finalised by the end of the week and presented to John. It will also be transposed into section 2 of the exemption certificate itself as part of the 'Comments of Corporate Purchasing and Contracts'.

The other issue is that the Council is in the process of responding to an FOI request in respect of Vanguard. I would be grateful if you could refer to the e-mail I copied to you on 10th January 2011 at 16:10 and provide a response to point 2. Essentially, the Council are being asked to confirm the accuracy of a previous FOI response that we gave that the Chief Executive had received no remuneration from Vanguard in connection with a speaking engagement. The FOI requestor has stated that this does not tie up with the disclosure under a freedom of information request issued by his previous employer.

Clearly, we are not privy to whatever FOI response was sent by the Chief Executives previous employer. All we can do is to confirm the accuracy of Stoke-on-Trent City Council's FOI response that the Chief Executive received no remuneration. We cannot comment on the previous employers responses.

Kind Regards,

Darren