# NEIGHBOURHOODS



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Our Ref: INT-301234-Z7B3S2

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Dear Mr Fenwick - Finn.

### RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

In response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, Rochdale BC is happy to supply the following information:

#### Request: Can you tell me if Rochdale Council are employing wardens in the town centre to deal with begging?

Rochdale Council employs Town Centre Enforcement Wardens to deal with a range of environmental issues.

## Request: Have they any delegated powers of arrest and detention, or the power to issue fines under the Public Space Protection order?

The Town Centre Enforcement Wardens have no powers of arrest or detention. They will have the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for relevant offences under the Rochdale Town Centre Public Space Protection Order 2018 ("the Order") once the Order comes into effect.

We feel that we have fulfilled your Freedom of Information request. However, if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to make a complaint or appeal against any decision we have made in response to your request you should write in the first instance to:

The Internal Review Panel The Information Governance Unit Rochdale MBC Number One Riverside Smith Street Rochdale **OL16 1XU** 

E-mail: foi@rochdale.gov.uk

Should you further disagree with the decision following the appeal you may wish to contact the Office of the Information Commissioner:

Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 Fax: 01625 524510

Should you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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**Environmental Action Unit Team Leader**