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Dear Janet,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the Place Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 16th May 2022.

Your questions and my findings are as follows: -

Q1. During the month of April 2022, how many council employees were working from home, and what percentage of the office-based workforce does this represent?

All staff who are not fixed by location are able to work from home for part of the week - this is dependent on service needs and differs according to role and duties.

Q2. Between 1st and 30th April 2022, how many desk bookings were made across the council's office buildings and, on average, how many desk bookings were there a day during this month?

Desks are not bookable within our offices.

Q3. How many desks were available for use in the month April 2022 across the council's office buildings?

1020 desks were available.

Q4. What was the maximum number of office staff who could theoretically work in the office on any given day in April 2022?

Our current headcount is 3390 including relief staff.

Q5. What was the total number of office staff who worked in your council's offices each day prior to the pandemic?

Prior to the pandemic, many of our staff worked part from the office and part from other locations including their home address.

Whilst all staff have a central office base many of them are delivering front-line services, e.g., waste collection, grass-cutting, etc.

On 01.03.2020 the BMBC headcount was 3351 including relief staff.

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Yours sincerely



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