

Freedom of Information – Response – 27345

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Could you please provide any correspondence and/or communications sent or received by Cllr Michael Hadwen, Cllr Marin Robinson, Cllr Simon Alders and Cllr Christopher Hudson between May 10 and May 20 featuring any one of the following keywords 'Facebook', 'Twitter', 'X' (the social media platform), or 'social media'?

Please note 'Facebook' may also be referred to as 'FB'.

This request includes (but is not limited to) emails, letters, meeting minutes, notes of meetings, internal or external advice, WhatsApp messages, SMS/text messages, and any other recorded information concerning the above.

Following a search of records held between 10 May and 20 May using the keywords specified, the only information identified relates to councillors' personal, political, or party-related communications.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), a public authority is only required to disclose information that it holds for its own purposes. Information held by councillors is only considered to be held for the purposes of FOIA where it relates to Council business, official functions, or duties carried out on behalf of the authority.

As the information identified in this case is held solely in a personal or political capacity, and not for the Council's own purposes, it is not held within the scope of FOIA. Accordingly, the Council is not required to provide it in response to this request.

