

Freedom of Information – Response – 27592

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the purposes of this request, "George Cottrell" should include any reference to:

- "George Cottrell";
- "George Cotrel";
- "Cottrell" / "Cotrel" / "George" where the context indicates George Cottrell/Cotrel;
- "Posh George";
- Geostrategy, Geostrategy International, Geostrategy International Unlimited, or geostrategy.com.

Please provide the following information for the period 2 May 2025 to the date of this request:

1. *Copies of any correspondence between George Cottrell, or anyone acting on behalf of him or Geostrategy, and:*
 - a. *Any leaders of the Council;*
 - b. *Cabinet members;*
 - c. *the Chief Executive;*
 - d. *the Monitoring Officer;*
 - e. *the Section 151 Officer / Chief Finance Officer;*
 - f. *any officer or team responsible for transformation, productivity, efficiency, "waste", "DOLGE", "DOGE" consultancy, audit, or spending reviews.*

This should include emails, letters, text messages, WhatsApp messages, Teams messages, meeting invitations, calendar entries, documents and attachments, where held by the council for council business.

Suffolk County Council has carried out all relevant searches and can confirm that it does not hold any copies of correspondence between George Cottrell or anyone acting on behalf of him or Geostrategy and any of the above named officers or individuals.

2. *A list of any meetings, calls, visits or events involving George Cottrell, Geostrategy, or any representative acting on their behalf, including:*

- a. *the date;*
- b. *The attendees;*
- c. *the location or format;*
- e. *any agendas, briefing notes, minutes, notes or follow-up actions.*

Suffolk County Council has carried out all relevant searches and can confirm that it does not hold information relating to any meetings, calls, visits or events involving George Cottrell, Geostrategy or any representative acting on their behalf.

2. *Copies of any internal council correspondence, briefing notes, submissions, reports, meeting notes or other recorded information held by the offices/roles listed in question 1 which mention George Cottrell (in terms described above).*

Suffolk County Council has carried out all relevant searches and can confirm that it does not hold any internal council correspondence, briefing notes, submissions, reports, meeting notes or other recorded information held by the offices/roles listed in question 1 which mention George Cottrell.

2. Details of any contracts, unpaid advisory arrangements, offers of support, consultancy discussions, donations, sponsorship, gifts, hospitality, travel, accommodation, or other benefits offered by or involving George Cottrell, Geostrategy, or anyone acting on their behalf.

Suffolk County Council has carried out all relevant searches and can confirm that it does not hold details of any contracts, unpaid advisory arrangements, offers of support, consultancy discussions, donations, sponsorship, gifts, hospitality, travel, accommodation or other benefits offered by or involving George Cottrell, Geostrategy or anyone acting on their behalf.