

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 21 October 2024

Public Authority: Chard Town Council

Address: The Guild Hall
Fore Street
Chard
Somerset
TA20 1PP

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Chard Town Council on 21 August 2024:

"I am writing under the freedom of information act 2000 to request information from Chard Town Council whilst it's intact and to ensure that the information requested is not accidentally deleted or destroyed. Please provide me with the following information covering the dates 1st September 2022 and the 1st of August 2024 a copy of this request will also be forwarded to the ICO for their records.

All written correspondence regaling the Rolley report including the commissioning, tendering, interviewing process, interview notes, published and previous in published version, correspondence between officers and Mr Rolley, correspondence between officers, correspondence between officers and members of the public, Correspondence between officers and members, correspondence between members, correspondence linked to this request of any staff member or councillor that has left the council and any other correspondance that may of taken place that was linked to the Rolley Report.

All electronic correspondence regaling the Rolley report including the commissioning, tendering, interviewing process, interview notes, published and previous in published version, correspondence between officers and Mr

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If it is not possible to provide the information request due to information exceeding the cost of compliance limits as identified in section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance."

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF**