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Telephone: 0300 123 5500
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Date: 14 March 2022
Our Reference: 15102049

Dear ###

Information Request - 15102049 - Full copies of the six reports produced about member complaints involving Handforth Parish Council

I am responding to your request for information, which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) and logged as case 15102049.

Your request is as follows:

I would request full copies of the six reports produced about member complaints involving Handforth Parish Council (as named in [this agenda](#))

I can confirm that we hold the information you require. However, it is being withheld under section 22 of the FOI Act. Section 22 provides an exemption to the release of information where it is due for publication at some future date.

In this instance the Audit and Governance Committee agreed to publish the investigation report (excl. appendices) by midnight on March 25th, 2022. The report will be published at the following link: [Open data and transparency \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/open-data-and-transparency)

The use of this exemption is subject to an assessment of the public interest in relation to the disclosure of the information concerned. We recognise the need for openness and transparency by public authorities and the public interest in disclosure of this information. However, in this instance, it is considered that the public interest favours the publication of this information according to the pre-determined schedule, rather than in response to your request, to ensure the information is provided in an accurate and accessible manner, rather than in response to individual FoIA requests.

This response acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FoIA.

Please quote the reference number 15102049 in any future communications.

Please note that an anonymised copy of this response may be published in the Council's Disclosure Log, which is available online at the following address: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request or if you are not happy with the way your request has been handled, you can request an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 20 working days of our response by emailing foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk or in writing to Compliance & Customer Relations Team, Cheshire East Council, 1st Floor, Westfields, c/o Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF; Tel: 0303 123 1113; Fax: 01625 524510 or <https://ico.org.uk> The Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the Council's internal review process has been completed.

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