



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-003, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Code applicable to the UK. Please provide the following details:

1. The oath of office taken by the following individuals:
 - a. The current Mayor
 - b. The Chief Financial Officer
 - c. The Councillors for the municipality
2. The name of the insurer providing public liability insurance for the council town.
3. The policy number associated with your public liability insurance.

Response:

- 1a. East Cambridgeshire District Council does not have a Mayor. Please re-direct your enquiry to Ely City Council, for the Mayor of Ely or Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 1b. The Director Finance does not take an oath of office.
- 1c. East Cambridgeshire District Councillors sign a 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'. Please see attachment. You may also wish to contact the other Councils that cover Cambridgeshire as they also have Councillors.
2. Zurich
3. Information refused under Exemption 31(1)(a) of the FOI Act 2000.

In respect of those requests that are answered in full, partially or the total refused, please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 31(1)(a) – Law Enforcement

- c) State why the exemption applies:

31(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime.

As Section 31(1)(a) is a prejudice-based exemption, we have undertaken a public interest test below:

Factors in favour of disclosing:

- There are general arguments in promoting the transparency and accountability of public authorities.

Factors in favour of withholding:

- There is an inherent public interest in crime prevention.
- There is public interest in avoiding the costs and time associated with dealing with theft, including increased insurance costs.

We believe that the balance of public interest lies in upholding the exemption and not releasing the information.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-003.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.