



Somercotes Parish Council

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Our Reference: FOIR/02/25

Your Reference: 'Parish Council Issues'

Please ask for: Matthew Evans

Telephone Option: 3

Date: 16/04/2025

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your e-mail of the 16th of April 2025 requesting information in accordance with your rights under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information from the authority:

"Details of the internal police's & procedures and the information regarding the statutory and legislative framework in which the council work please."

Whilst the Act confers a general right of access to information held by public authorities, section 1 provides that "any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled:

- a) To be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- b) If that is the case, to have that information communicated to him, subject to the effect of exemptions in Part 11 of the Act.

Therefore, pursuant to the Council's duty to confirm or deny and following a reasonable search of our records we can confirm that the authority does hold recorded information that specifically details this data in a formal, structured document or record.

I can confirm that the authority holds recorded information relevant to your request in relation to its internal policies and procedures:

These documents are available publicly on the Council's website at:

www.somercotesparishcouncil.gov.uk/policies

With regard to the statutory and legislative framework within which the Council operates, please note that the Council is not the holder of this information as defined by Section 3(2) of the Freedom of Information



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Act 2000. Furthermore, this type of information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Act.

Nonetheless, the Council is happy to assist by signposting you to the appropriate source: The official UK legislation database is available at www.legislation.gov.uk, where you can access all primary and secondary legislation governing the functions and powers of local authorities.

In accordance with Section 19 of the FOIA, which promotes the proactive disclosure of information by public authorities, a redacted version of this response will be published on the Parish Council's website. Any personal data or information subject to exemption under the FOIA will be appropriately removed before publication to comply with data protection legislation and ensure the security and privacy of individuals.

If you require further clarification, you have the right to request an internal review of this decision within 40 working days. Should you remain dissatisfied following the internal review, you may escalate the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at www.ico.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Evans

Hon. Clerk and Chief Executive Officer
Somercotes Parish Council