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Date: 14 August 2020

Dear Mr. Gair

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1247

I write further to your email dated 07 August 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our <u>freedom of information</u> page.

Your request:

Could I please put in an additional FOI request to enquire how many staff are using personal phones for council related matters?

Our response:

The Council unfortunately does not hold this information. Some members of staff are granted work mobiles as art of their roles which is of course monitored, but precisely because personal mobiles are personal the council cannot monitor how they are being used.

In light of the pandemic the majority of Council staff were forced to make an abrupt transition to home working, it is likely therefore that a number of staff have been required to use personal mobiles to make and receive work related calls. However, the Council does understand that this is a less than perfect system and we are in the process of adopting a Unified Communications System which will eliminate the need to personal mobile use

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Yours sincerely

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