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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

Please send me:

- *Information on any reviews carried out and any procurement procedures, processes and systems and any changes and improvements you have put in place to ensure best value is achieved for all goods and services since the launch of the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in July 2014.*
- *Information on the effectiveness and any savings achieved as a result of the reviews carried out and changes implemented as detailed in the above bullet point, including in which specific areas and departments, the amounts saved in figures and as a percentage of overall budget, since the launch of the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in July 2014.*
- *Information on the number of full and part-time employees you have in procurement roles now, and the number of full and part-time employees that were in procurement roles on 1 July 2014.*
- *Information on any fraud incidents relating to council employees, council services and services procured externally that have come to light since the launch of the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in July 2014.*

The response to your request as follows:

- **We are aware of the National Procurement Strategy and were already doing most of the suggestions/best practise contained in it, eg encouraging SMEs, spend analysis, etc. We always look to review and revise our procedures in line with good practise and to take account of legislative changes.**

- **We do not have any figures as to any savings achieved as a result of actions taken as suggested in the Strategy.**
- **We have one Corporate Procurement Officer, with some part-time support, and this was also the case in July 2014.**
- **We do not have any information as to any incidents of fraud since July 2014.**

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Yours Sincerely

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