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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**

*In June 2014 in England & Wales and September 2014 in Scotland, law relating to electoral registration changed from a household registration system to Individual Electoral Registration (IER).*

*IER requires every elector to be verified by some form of evidence e.g. matched against details held by the Department of Work and Pensions using a National Insurance Number, or by providing documentary evidence such as a passport.*

*Those already registered were matched against other data sources available to Local Authorities. Some people however could not be matched against these records and were required to submit a new application to remain on the register beyond the end of the transition period, which ended on 1st December 2015.*

*In light of the above, please can you confirm the following to me in relation to your your local authority area:*

- 1) the number of people who were removed from the roll as a result of the implementation of the new IER system;*
- 2) how many of those who were removed did not subsequently re-register to vote by the time of the referendum on membership of the EU on 23 June, 2016; and*
- 3) how many complaints were received from individuals who thought they would be in a position to vote in the EU referendum but couldn't because their names were removed from the roll during the transition to IER?*

#### **The response to your request as follows:**

- 1. 264 people were deleted due to non-response at the end of transition.**
- 2. No information found, reason being this information isn't recorded**
- 3. No complaints received**

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Yours Sincerely

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