

Request

At the SPC annual meeting it was revealed to the public that following a grievance by an individual a report was made to SPC by SALC. The discussions revealed that this document had made findings and recommendations/suggestions about how the Council could address what was quoted as the “dysfunction” of the council. It was apparent that some councillors wished to implement the recommendations while others did not. The citizens’ recording of this meeting is at <https://archive.org/details/20160509SteyningParishCouncilAnnualMeeting> and the relevant part is at 2 hours 22 minutes to 2 hours 30 minutes.

It is a matter of grave public concern if the council has been perceived by SALC as dysfunctional and if its recommendations/suggestions are not being implemented.

It is appreciated that the document as a whole will contain information which is properly confidential and so should not enter the public domain, however it should be possible to redact the report to remove the confidential aspects so that the important findings and recommendations/suggestions which the public has paid for can be seen by the public and a judgment made as to why councillors are publicly at loggerheads over implementing what the report says.

Please treat this as a request under the FoI for an appropriately redacted version of the report and also for a copy of the invoice to be produced and uploaded to the SPC FoI page.

Response 25 June 2016

Please find attached a copy of the invoice requested

I have taken advice from SALC and am informed that the report is considered to be of a confidential nature and I am therefore unable to provide you with a copy.