

**12      Concerning the Mandatory Publication Scheme and Transparency Code 14 October 2016**

**Request**

As requested, I am forwarding the email string regarding the complaint that the Council is not complying with the mandatory publication scheme or the Transparency Code. Although this is strictly not an FoI request, the purpose of the ICO publication scheme regime and of the Transparency Code is to reduce the likelihood of FoI requests being necessary and thus to reduce the burden on the council and on the ICO.

My understanding is that Mr                      of the ICO discussed this with you back in May but, as far as I know, no progress has been made and no report of this discussion has been given to all councillors.

**Response 4 November 2016**

I am pleased to advise that -

- work is ongoing to review the various council policies relating to Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Publication Scheme, Complaints etc
- a new FOI policy has been drafted which includes a review process and ICO contact details. I am hoping this together with the revised Standing Order will go to Full Council in December for approval.
- more information has been uploaded onto the council's website regarding FOI requests
- expenditure exceeding £500 has been uploaded to the web site - October's will be added shortly
- all SAYS minutes received by the council have been uploaded to the council's website