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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 can you address the following questions, if you hold information on them:

1. *Has the council outsourced its planning department (responsible for town and country planning)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services?*
2. *Has the council outsourced any part of its planning services (planning policy, development management, planning enforcement)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services?*
3. *Please provide details of any company providing statutory planning services or service support for planning to the council. If such provision exists, how long has the company provided services to the council, how long does the contract last for and what is the value of the contract?*
4. *Are planning officers responsible for delivering the council's town and country planning responsibilities employed directly by the council? If not, who are they employed by?*
5. *Is routine use of private sector consultants made to process planning applications on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?*
6. *Is routine use of private sector consultants made to develop planning policy on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?*
7. *Is routine use of private sector consultants made to conduct planning enforcement work on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?*

The response to your request as follows:

1. **No**
2. **No**
3. **JS Conservation Management and Town Planning provide advice on heritage matters. The current contract is from 9th Jan 17 to 22nd Dec 18. Contract value is £19,000.**

4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. No

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Yours Sincerely

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