

Dear

I refer to your email of 7 September 2018 addressed to [REDACTED], copied by him to me, as I am [REDACTED] line manager.

Your allegations against [REDACTED] and insinuations that allocation of housing at Dartford is corrupt are completely without foundation and cannot be justified. Such remarks besmirch [REDACTED] good character and professional integrity and are offensive to [REDACTED] and to the Council and should not be repeated without evidence.

It is unacceptable for you to allow your dissatisfaction with the Council's housing service to escalate into aggression directed towards our staff. Acts of aggression include threatening or abusive behaviour or language and may include derogatory remarks and rudeness. We consider your inflammatory statements and unsubstantiated allegations to be abusive behaviour and will not respond to any further correspondence if the action or behaviour continues.

On the specific allegation and for the avoidance of doubt I confirm that all allocations of housing are made in accordance with the Council's Allocation Policy which can be found on the Council's website.

Your request for [REDACTED] salary, bonuses and all income is refused pursuant to Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), as we consider the information to be personal data, which carries a legitimate expectation of confidentiality.

We recognise that there is always some legitimate public interest in favour of disclosure with regards to any information held by public authorities. However, we consider that there would be an unjustified adverse effect on [REDACTED] who would not expect his remuneration to be placed in the public domain. This would cause [REDACTED] unnecessary distress.

If you wish to object to my decision on your FOI request in the first instance, or if you are unhappy with the way in which your enquiry has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review by initiating the Council's Corporate Complaints Procedure, details of which may be obtained by logging onto the Council's website <http://www.dartford.gov.uk> or emailing me. Should you remain dissatisfied with the decision on internal review, you may appeal to the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Please address any future correspondence you may have in relation to your FOI request, to me, quoting the reference number FOI 1114.