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BY EMAIL

Dear Councillor Cutts

Given that you had to leave Full Council on 23rd May before you were able to ask your question "*Now with successful CSE prosecutions against RMBC, what is the current financial situation with respect to compensation claims etc.?*" Please find below my response:-

There have not been any prosecutions against the Council in relation to CSE and we are not expecting that there will be any. There have, however, been a number of successful criminal prosecutions against perpetrators of CSE.

I'm afraid that at the moment, the answer to your question is similar to the last time that you asked: It is important that we protect the confidentiality of victims and survivors and therefore we will not make public the total costs until we have resolved a greater number of claims.

In relation to compensation claims against the Council, a number of claims relating to child sexual exploitation have been received. Our lawyers have been working constructively with lawyers for the claimants and several of these have now been settled alongside South Yorkshire Police. As the authority is still in the process of dealing with outstanding claims it would not be appropriate to provide any detailed or specific information at this point in time.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Chris Read
Leader of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council