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Council Meeting – Wednesday 20th May 2026

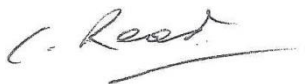
Thank you for your question to Council on Wednesday 20th May 2026. I have set out your question and my response below.

Will this council publicly demonstrate the value and benefit to the community consequent upon the legal expenses incurred relating to the ongoing avoidance of disclosures of information concerning child sex exploitation?

The Council has not incurred any legal expenses to avoid the disclosure of information relating to CSE and continues to maintain that it has acted properly in relation to the issues raised through the tribunal process.

Legal proceedings, via tribunals, have been brought against the Council by an individual resulting from their Freedom of Information (FOIs) requests. These FOIs relate to a booklet produced by a third party (i.e. not the Council). As would be expected by the public the Council engage fully in these processes and allow the tribunal to reach its conclusions on the basis of rigorous evidence.

Yours sincerely



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