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BY EMAIL

Dear Councillor Cutts

I write regarding the question that you submitted for full council on 27th June, which you unfortunately couldn't attend. I have provided a written response below.

“With this information below how can it be a RUMOUR to my last Council question (Question 18 – 28th February, 2018)?”

In my response I used the term ‘rumour’ in relation to the Council staff and the use of taxis. To my knowledge the published texts do not identify that Council staff facilitated CSE through the procurement of taxis in the way that you have described. However, as I have said on many occasions the NCA must progress their enquiry and anyone engaged in CSE should be brought to justice.

The materials identified are public documents and available to the NCA as part of their ongoing investigation. I am aware that the Chief Executive arranged for you to meet with the NCA along with Cllr Cowles and you have received assurances that the NCA have access to these documents.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Chris Read
Leader of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council