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Ms M Edge

By email

Dear Ms Edge

Council Meeting – 30th September 2020

Thank you for submitting a question for the above Council meeting.

You ask “I support the petition calling on the Council to investigate the obstacles placed in the way of a petition submitted by an adult survivor of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) on 31.7.20 for the Council meeting today.


What mechanisms are in place for scrutinising the actions of officers who are making decisions about petitions by adult survivors of CSE?”

I can confirm that all petitions are considered in relation to the Council Scheme of Petitions, the part of the council’s constitution which sets out clear guidance for what may be considered acceptable.

The actions of officers in relation to how they administer all schemes and protocols are overseen by the Council’s Monitoring Officer.

Anyone who has a complaint in relation to how the petition scheme is applied should follow the Council’s complaint procedure. If you wish to make a complaint details of the procedure can be found here <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/536>.

Yours sincerely



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