

27 November 2018



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

I write with reference to your email 21 November 2018 which I referred to the Monitoring Officer.

*Question: "I am writing to request an internal review of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's handling of my FOI request 'Employment Contract for Mayor's Adviser'.*

*A number of the 'Section 40' exemptions are qualified exemptions. Can you please therefore demonstrate that the public interest test has been applied and explain your reasoning?"*

His response is that, respectfully, your interpretation of the law is incorrect. His view is that, where disclosure of the personal data of a third party would contravene any of the data protection principles in the DPA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure. The public interest test is not therefore applicable. He is of the view that disclosure of the information requested would contravene the first data protection principle in that it would be unfair to disclose the information requested.

I trust that this is clear and we consider that your request for a review has been dealt with by this response.

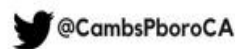
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. J. Hall".

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