



24 August 2020



Dear 

Freedom of Information Request – CA91

I write with reference to your request received on 17 August 2020 reference CA91. Please find the response provided below.

Question:

1) From 1 January 2017 to the day of your response to this request, please provide information on the number of trips to China taken by the elected mayor and or combined authority officials (both elected and unelected) in the course of conducting their business.

For each trip, please provide the following information:

- The date and duration of the overseas trip, as well as the Chinese city that was visited.
- The full name, title and position of those who went on the overseas trip as well as the number of people who travelled.
- The reason or reasons why they went on the trip and an explanation as to how the trip benefited your region.
- A list of places they visited and the people they met (please provide as much detail as possible)
- The cost of the trip (please provide a breakdown of costs including travel costs, accommodation costs, expenses and any other costs).
- Please state whether the mayor's office or combined authority met the costs of the trip, or whether an individual, group, company, consortium, charity or another organisation met the costs, including Chinese companies or government bodies.
- Please provide the full name of the individual, group, company, charity or organisation that met the costs. If it is a group or consortium, please state who or what composes the group or consortium.
- Details of any gifts received, who received it, each gift's value and which organisation, individual gave them each gift.
- Details of any financial benefits received by the mayor/combined authority/your region as a result of the trip - eg free office space in China.
- A copy of the itinerary for each trip.

Answer:

I confirm that from 1 January 2017 to the present day, Mayor James Palmer and or any combined authority official (both elected and unelected) in the course of conducting their business have not undertaken any trips to China.

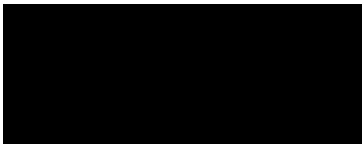
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I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address – contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 72 Market Street, Ely, Cambs CB7 4LS within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

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/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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