

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20190411**  
Date FOI Received: **03/06/2019**  
Department: **Other**  
Title: **Drone/UAV licensing and use**  
Description: **Details of any Drone or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle policies, strategies, usage or licensing within the local authority area.**

**Request:** *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The questions relate to the Local Authority's use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

- 1) Does the Council have a policy and/or strategy to benefit from drone/UAV based services?
- 2) Is the Council (or an associated arm's length organisation) licenced by the Civil Aviation Authority to deliver drone/UAV services?
- 3) If so, please can you confirm the scope of services being provided by the Council/arm's length organisation?
- 4) Has the Council ever procured drone/UAV services from a third party?
- 5) If so, please can you confirm the scope of the services and details of the 3<sup>rd</sup> parties who provided the services?
- 6) Please can you confirm the name and role of the lead officer with responsibility for policy and strategy relating to the Council's use of drones/UAVs?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

**Response:** *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Dear <REDACTED>

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request received **03 June 2019**. Your request has now been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act and/or Environmental Information Regulations and we are able to respond as follows:

- 1) Does the Council have a policy and/or strategy to benefit from drone/UAV based services?  
**No**
- 2) Is the Council (or an associated arm's length organisation) licenced by the Civil Aviation Authority to deliver drone/UAV services? **No**
- 3) If so, please can you confirm the scope of services being provided by the Council/arm's length organisation? **N/A**
- 4) Has the Council ever procured drone/UAV services from a third party? **No**
- 5) If so, please can you confirm the scope of the services and details of the 3<sup>rd</sup> parties who provided the services? **N/A**
- 6) Please can you confirm the name and role of the lead officer with responsibility for policy and strategy relating to the Council's use of drones/UAVs? **N/A**

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to

information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services