

**QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURAL RULE 10.0  
COUNCIL – 20 November 2013**

**QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLOR BELL**  
**Received on 15 November 2013**

**1. Question**

Can Officers confirm the cost to Watford Council taxpayers of the departure of former Head of Revenues and Benefits, Mr Phil Adlard on 30<sup>th</sup> September?

*Answer*

Mr Adlard, the former Head of Revenues and Benefits left the employment of Three Rivers District Council on the 30th of September 2013 for personal reasons.

The terms, if any, on which Mr Adlard left his employment with Three Rivers is a matter between them. The Council would be in breach of the Data Protection Act to reveal any information regarding the Head of Revenue and Benefits' departure without his express permission, which the Council does not have.

*For more information please contact Cathy Watson, Head of Human Resources  
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**2. Question**

I would like to know why the minutes of the Watford Health Campus partnership Board or (LABV) are not subject to Freedom of Information legislation?  
Surely if Watford Borough Council Officers are attending the meetings and decisions are being taken on behalf of Watford's Council taxpayers involving public money that is being invested in a public/private scheme residents have a right to know what decisions are being made?

*Answer*

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 places a duty on public authorities as defined in the Act to reply to requests for information within their possession made under the Act. That duty is subject to a number of exemptions and exceptions.

The Watford Health Campus Partnership LLP (LABV) is a separate legal entity to Watford Council and is not within the definition of public authority under the 2000 Act and thus it is not subject to the provisions of the Act.

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