

Media Inquiries

The Council has a press office and deals with significant amounts of queries from the press and media.

In responding to these queries, our press officers apply the same rules as all other officers of the Council and will only release information about individuals in line with this privacy statement and the Council's approved Information Use and Privacy Policy. In terms of this approach, personal information held by the Council will only be released to the media if there are compelling reasons for doing so.

If it appears to us that a journalist is in full possession of the facts regarding a particular issue, then the Council may, where appropriate, confirm to the journalist that the story is indeed correct (or we will correct any inaccuracies, provided that the inaccuracies are not so large as make us reasonably suspect that the journalist is merely guessing what has happened and does not have all the information.) We will not, as a general rule, release personal data where the journalist is merely speculating as to what might have happened. However if a member of the public approaches the media about an issue relating to the Council, it is assumed that they are willing to have their case dealt with publicly and the Council will respond accordingly.

If an individual elects to make public statements relating to the Council and the Council holds information showing that these statements are incorrect, we may publicise the fact that we hold information contradicting that version. We may also seek the consent of that person to publish the contradictory information; if they decline to give us this consent, we may make their refusal of this consent public.