



**POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER  
for Leicestershire**

Your voice in Leicester,  
Leicestershire & Rutland

Our ref: 2052/20

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your request for information received 22/06/2020. I note you seek access to the following information:

*Please can you provide details of any payments made to Andrew Furlong from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in the period April 2019 to May 2020?*

*Please can you also confirm what role or responsibilities he undertook to receive said payments?*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester and Leicestershire to locate information relevant to your request.

**Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -**

**1. Please can you provide details of any payments made to Andrew Furlong from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in the period April 2019 to May 2020?**

Below are payments excl VAT made to Cogent Content, a company owned by Mr. Andy Furlong from April 2019 to May 2020

	<b>£</b>
Apr-19	1,621.70
May19	1,215.00
Jun-19	2,552.25
Jul-19	2,519.80
Aug-19	928.59
Sep-19	3,285.15
Oct-19	3,035.78
Nov-19	3,160.79
Dec-19	1,250.03
Jan-20	3,464.36

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Feb-20	2,928.64
Mar-20	3,571.51
Apr-20	2,099.86
May-20	2,017.92
	33,651.38

**2. Please can you also confirm what role or responsibilities he undertook to receive said payments?**

With regards to his role within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr. Furlong was appointed by the Police and Crime Commissioner in 2016 as a consultant/contractor. The terms and conditions of this consultancy are that he shall be available for not less than 40 hours per month and the remit of his post are broadly as follows

- 1) To provide an underpinning strategy for the evolution and communication of the Police and Crime Plan.
- 2) Creation of an annual communications plan up until 2020.
- 3) Support the Police and Crime Commissioner on matters of policy, strategy, and communication.

Mr. Furlong was formerly the Director of Communication for the Institution of Chemical Engineers. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations and is bound by the code of conduct for that organization.

Following the extension of Lord Willy Bach's term as a result of the cancellation of the May 2020 Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, Mr. Furlong's contract will continue through to May 2021. His role has recently been reviewed and he is presently working with Lord Bach and the OPCC Senior Management Team to develop a strategy for improved stakeholder engagement and communication of the outputs and outcomes of the Police & Crime Plan (and its annex), both internally and externally. He assists Lord Bach with preparations for high level meetings including the Strategic Assurance Board and the Strategic Partnership Board. Also, Mr. Furlong has taken on responsibility for a range of research activities and he works with the OPCC's Performance and Engagement teams to analyse data and enhance understanding of victim services, support for vulnerable people and policing performance.

Due to Mr. Furlong's status as a consultant/contractor there are deemed to be no conflicts with the requirements of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 given the remit of the role that Mr. Furlong undertakes.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the



Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer

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**For the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**