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From: FOI Responses

**Sent:** <u>10 December 2024 13:32</u>

To: Subject:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 18 November 2024, for information about Polish/Polish Descent Candidates and Councillors.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

# Request:

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1. The number of candidates of Polish or Polish descent who have stood for election within your local authority area in the last five years.
- 2. The number of councillors of Polish or Polish descent currently serving in your local authority.
- 3. The number of councillors of Polish or Polish descent who have served in your local authority in the past five years."

#### Response:

City of Doncaster do not hold this information. There is no requirement to collect such information on Councillors; when a candidate stands for election, nationality is not captured or required on nomination forms. A declaration must be signed by the candidate to state they are a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen, or an EU citizen with retained rights and no other nationality information is required.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

#### Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a> Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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