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From: FOI Responses
Sent: 29 August 2024 09:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 31 July 2024, for information about "Street Votes".

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

Request:

1. Has your local authority stated an opinion on street votes?

Specifically, did you respond to the official consultation on Street Vote Development Orders?[https://eu-west-](https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=www.gov.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ292LnVrL2dvdMvYbM1lbnQvY29uc3VsdGF0aW9ucy9zdHJlZG9wbWVudC1vcmlldmVsb3BtZW50LW9yZGVycw==&i=NjA0OGFhNGE1M2FhY2QwZTgyNzQ2ZTE0&t=NEIJdWx0UGozc25FdUxSSEI3YlIZenHwa1FYclVPRVo0OG8rMmZwb0NXVT0=&h=bb38654816f342fe8b7ad68cd6f086b2&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZVYBsXcKtKdHEUqKVI8bMxk_R0il7R-hqQHVDI5jdYsQ)

[1.protection.sophos.com?d=www.gov.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ292LnVrL2dvdMvYbM1lbnQvY29uc3VsdGF0aW9ucy9zdHJlZG9wbWVudC1vcmlldmVsb3BtZW50LW9yZGVycw==&i=NjA0OGFhNGE1M2FhY2QwZTgyNzQ2ZTE0&t=NEIJdWx0UGozc25FdUxSSEI3YlIZenHwa1FYclVPRVo0OG8rMmZwb0NXVT0=&h=bb38654816f342fe8b7ad68cd6f086b2&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZVYBsXcKtKdHEUqKVI8bMxk_R0il7R-hqQHVDI5jdYsQ](https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=www.gov.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ292LnVrL2dvdMvYbM1lbnQvY29uc3VsdGF0aW9ucy9zdHJlZG9wbWVudC1vcmlldmVsb3BtZW50LW9yZGVycw==&i=NjA0OGFhNGE1M2FhY2QwZTgyNzQ2ZTE0&t=NEIJdWx0UGozc25FdUxSSEI3YlIZenHwa1FYclVPRVo0OG8rMmZwb0NXVT0=&h=bb38654816f342fe8b7ad68cd6f086b2&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZVYBsXcKtKdHEUqKVI8bMxk_R0il7R-hqQHVDI5jdYsQ) If so please send me a copy of your response.

Response:

No. City of Doncaster Council has not stated an opinion on street votes or responded to the official consultation on Street Vote Development Orders.

Request:

2. I understand that regardless of Street Vote Development Orders legislation being implemented, individual local authorities could choose to introduce a similar arrangement of their own volition. This could be done by allowing a local poll under Section 116 of the Local Government Act 2003 https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=legislation.gov.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ292LnVrL3VrcGdhLzlwMDMvMjYvc2VjdGlvbi8xMTY_dGltZWxpbnU9ZmFsc2UmdmllZz1wbGFpbG==&i=NjA0OGFhNGE1M2FhY2QwZTgyNzQ2ZTE0&t=cVV5amhrNkMxREM3ZWw4eFhY2F3eEpoWkhoOVbzdU1ybkNNL1JVOW14RT0=&h=bb38654816f342fe8b7ad68cd6f086b2&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZVYBsXcKtKdHEUqKVI8bMxk_R0il7R-hqQHVDI5jdYsQ and then issuing Local Development Orders to reflect what the residents voted for. https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=local.gov.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ292LnVrL3Bhcy90b3BpY3MvbG9jYWwtZGV2ZWxvcG1lbnQtb3JkZXJzL2xvY2FsLW9yZGVycy5lYXZl&i=NjA0OGFhNGE1M2FhY2QwZTgyNzQ2ZTE0&t=NnhmR1FqalUzbVRsUFRTVndjNkNgK08yR2Q3U3dXelZobmlHcWRJU1I3RT0=&h=bb38654816f342fe8b7ad68cd6f086b2&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZVYBsXcKtKdHEUqKVI8bMxk_R0il7R-hqQHVDI5jdYsQ you held any such street votes? Do you have any plans to allow street votes in future?

Response:

The Freedom of Information Act provides a right of access, subject to certain exemptions, to recorded information held by public authorities. It does not require public authorities to express opinions or comment upon matters. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act includes provision for street votes order, but only insofar as it confers a power to make regulations. As stated in the response to question 1, City of Doncaster Council has not stated an opinion on street votes or responded to the official consultation on Street Vote Development Orders, therefore this question requires the expression of an opinion/comments and in that case this information is not held.

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. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

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