

NCC-044639-20 why was last Council meeting abandoned? And why reasons not disclosed

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act. Apologies have been expressed from the department for the delay.

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information act.

I would like to know:

- why the Council Meeting scheduled for 28 May was cancelled at the last minute. Your social media team were announcing, at 10.43 and 10.58, that it was due to start. Then at 11.18 it had been “abandoned” due to “unforeseen circumstance”. No further explanation was ever provided.
- why the reason for the abandonment was not made public. I would like a copy of all internal documents, emails, notes relating to the decision not to make the reason(s) public.

Please see below the response to the request:

“Attendance at the meeting was limited in number and agreed in advance with political Group Leaders to ensure the health and safety of all those in attendance. On the day we were not able to work to the arrangements agreed in advance due to more members wishing to take up their seats in the chamber as they are legally entitled to do. This meant the number of members wanting to enter the Council Chamber to take up their seats exceeded the number necessary to ensure social distancing could be maintained. The meeting was postponed at that point as we were unable to guarantee that it was safe to proceed. The postponement of the meeting was verbally announced by the Chief Executive at the time and an apology was given. There are no documents, emails, notes of this as it was only on the day as we assembled just prior to the intended start of the meeting that it became clear we were unable to proceed as planned.

The meeting therefore did not start and arrangements were promptly made for the meeting to be moved to another date (11 June) when the meeting was held virtually with the proceedings being live streamed for the public.”

We trust this now resolves your enquiry and where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

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Kind Regards

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