

FOI Number 00117014 Bring Your Own Device (NOV 2019)

REQUEST & RESPONSE

Questions relating to Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policies and/or adoption practices. (The ability of council employees and/or councillors to access council email and/or council software using their own personal devices, such as smartphones, tablet devices, personal computers)

1. Do you have a BYOD policy, or formally documented procedures?
1. **We do not have a specific BYOD policy; however elements are covered within our mobile phone, security and remote access policies along with our enrolment guidelines.**

2. If you have a policy or formally documented procedures, please could you provide a copy or a link to the document(s)?
2. **Unfortunately, we are not able to pass this to you because the Council considers this information to be exempt under section 31(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states: 'Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice –a. the prevention or detection of crime.'**
This is a qualified exemption. (A qualified exemption means that a decision is made in light of the public interest in maintaining the exemption being weighed against the public interest in disclosure.

Public interest in disclosure

- **As a public body it is Eastleigh Borough Council's duty to be transparent and accountable for its decisions.**
- **It is Eastleigh Borough Council's duty to comply with the principles of the FOIA and relay its benefits of transparency.**

Public interest in applying the exemption

- **We have three separate documents which contain links and details that could be used for a cyber-attack or compromise our network. Disclosing this information would open the possibility of the Council's database being hacked which contains personal information on all of our residents and commercially sensitive information.**
3. Do you allow employees and/or councillors to access council email and/or council software using their own personal devices, such as smartphones, tablet devices, personal computers?
 3. **Yes**
 4. If you do not allow BYOD, was this a conscious decision taken?
 4. **N/A**
 5. If a conscious decision was taken, what was/were the reason(s)?
 5. **To promote more efficient work style options for employees.**
 6. If you do allow BYOD, what percentage or number of your workforce use it?
 6. **Circa 50% of the workforce have an enrolled device. This is primarily for corporate e-mail.**