

FULL COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2016

Written question from David Walter, Secretary, Wellow Residents' Group to Councillor Julia Baker-Smith, Executive Member for Planning and Housing

Would the Council please disclose the relevant, vocational, formal professional qualifications including Full Membership of Professional and Chartered Institutions, held by principal staff in the following service areas:-

- a) Planning
- b) Environmental Health
- c) Buildings Control

If the Council considers that naming the individuals is an infringement of their confidentiality rights (a position that I would not support or agree to, but will accept for the purposes of this enquiry) then please refer to the number of staff with their job function and any relevant professional qualifications they hold.

For clarity, and for example, in the service of Public and Environmental Health, I would expect to see:-

Mr/Mrs A. Jones BSc CEnvH FCIEH Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner
or

One employee, Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner, Qualifications: BSc CEnvH FCIEH

and so on for Planning, Environmental Health and Buildings Control

Response

With regard to the service areas of Planning, Environmental Health and Building Control, I can confirm that the postholders meet the requirements of the person specification associated with their posts with regard to qualification and competency and where relevant membership of professional bodies or organisations.

If required the council is able to detail the number of roles and associated person specifications and the total number of qualified personnel in each role.

Response to Supplementary

We do not name individual officers at full council and in answering this question it would be completely inappropriate to name individual officers. In addition to that our constitution says:

PROCEDURE RULE No. 12 MOTIONS AFFECTING PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNCIL

If any question arises on the appointment, promotion, dismissal, salary, superannuation, conditions of service or the conduct of any council employee, the Full Council must not discuss it until it has considered whether to exclude the public under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.