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Dear Mr Whyte

Thank you for your email dated 23 May 2016.

You have pointed out that in December 2015 you were advised that GCSB's policy on personal information would be available on GCSB's website before the end of February 2016. You have requested the prompt publication of the policy as well as an explanation for the delay in its publication.

Unfortunately, due to other priorities, the policy has not been finalised and is still being drafted. Accordingly, I am declining your request for the policy at this stage under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) because the document requested does not exist.

As noted by Una Jagose in her letter dated 14 December 2015, the drafts of this policy are being withheld in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between officials (section 9(2)(g)(i)). I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

GCSB is happy to let you know as soon as the policy is published.

In accordance with section 19 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the refusal by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Hampton".

Andrew Hampton
Director