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(CCC) Negotiation with Home Office

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to confirm the specific date the Council began negotiations with the Home Office regarding Cambridge becoming a dispersal area under Immigration Asylum Act, as described at the Council meeting on 22 October 2020. Please also confirm the date of the last communications with the Home Office regarding this matter.

Response:

A request for a meeting with Serco was sent to the then CEX, Antoinette Jackson, on 26 June 2020 via Strona Malgorzata (East of England Local Government Association (EELGA)).

The request included an email from Ben Rodgers, Head of Stakeholder Engagement (Asylum Accommodation and Support Services Contracts), Justice & Immigration, Serco UK & Europe, asking for a meeting to discuss a collaborative approach to opening up asylum dispersal within Cambridge City.

The meeting took place on 2 July 2020, with representatives from Cambridge City Council, Serco, EELGA and the Home Office.

Please also confirm the date of the last communications with the Home Office regarding this matter.

There was no follow up from the meeting of 2 July 2020.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
