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(CCC) Council interventions

From September 1 up to date:

Can you please provide internal communications

- From potentially

Staff networks, working groups, intranet notices, senior members staff and management,

internal recommendations on behalf of senior staff or the organization as a whole, reports,

letters, petitions, and external communications to senior staff

- My main focus is email communication to and from the most senior staff: council leader, deputy leader, Chief Executive, staff members and councillors whose portfolios manage heritage specifically
- Regarding:

Actions, interventions and projects intended to decolonise or address contested legacies and diversity - particularly with regard to named figures who may be problematic colonialism, racism, and slavery

This could found using key terms:

"Decolonising" "Colonialism", "imperialism", "empire", "institutional racism", "white supremacy" "far right"

In particular I would like to know what particular figures or objects in the built environment (statues, road names, building names etc.) have been a focus for review of re-assessment, and what action has been proposed internally to deal with this.

As a focused question it could be framed as: "What work is being done, or has been proposed in the above material, to tackle historic legacies of slavery, racism, or other contested legacies?"

Response:

I have reviewed your request and made searches for the information as suggested above.

Following these searches, I conclude that the Council does not hold information that meets the criteria of your request.

During the time frame specified the council has been approached in its capacity as the local planning authority to provide advice regarding historic building conservations related to the removal of the memorial to Tobias Rustat from Jesus College Chapel. This request came from the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Diocese of Ely. The local planning authority is not the decision maker as the Chapel operates under an ecclesiastical exemption, so this advice was not decided on by senior officers or members and comprised of advice from the council's Principal Conservation and Design Officer.

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