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**RE: Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Colney Heath Parish Council information regarding Fidelity Claim**

I am replying to you in response to your email dated 18th February 2021 and received 19th February 2021 which was stated to be treated as a Freedom of Information request.

The questions you asked are addressed with responses as follows:

Your request:

I understand that a Fidelity claim has been made to Zurich insurance relating to quite a number of transactions on Colney Heath Parish Council accounts over a period of years, this claim has resulted from a forensic examination by a specialist auditor.

I would like to see the report he prepared for the Parish Council and also the submission made to Zurich and the invoice submitted to carry out the work involved.

Our response:

The Parish Council do not hold this information as no report was received. A commercial settlement was made on a without liability basis which was negotiated over a series of Zoom calls. These were not recorded. The email exchange from the forensic accountant after the Zoom calls took place was as follows:

I have taken the matter up with Zurich

Provided this is a full and final settlement on a without prejudice basis, their offer will be increased in line with discussion with Cllr Solts to £45,900. This is £46,000 less the policy excess of £100

If not accepted, then the offer is withdrawn and both parties will need to consider the next steps.

Your request:

In addition I would like to know if any action or claim has taken place against the Internal Auditor/s who inspected the accounts during the period when the issues in question were occurring.

Our response:

No action has been taken against any other parties in this case, but Council have yet to debate this.