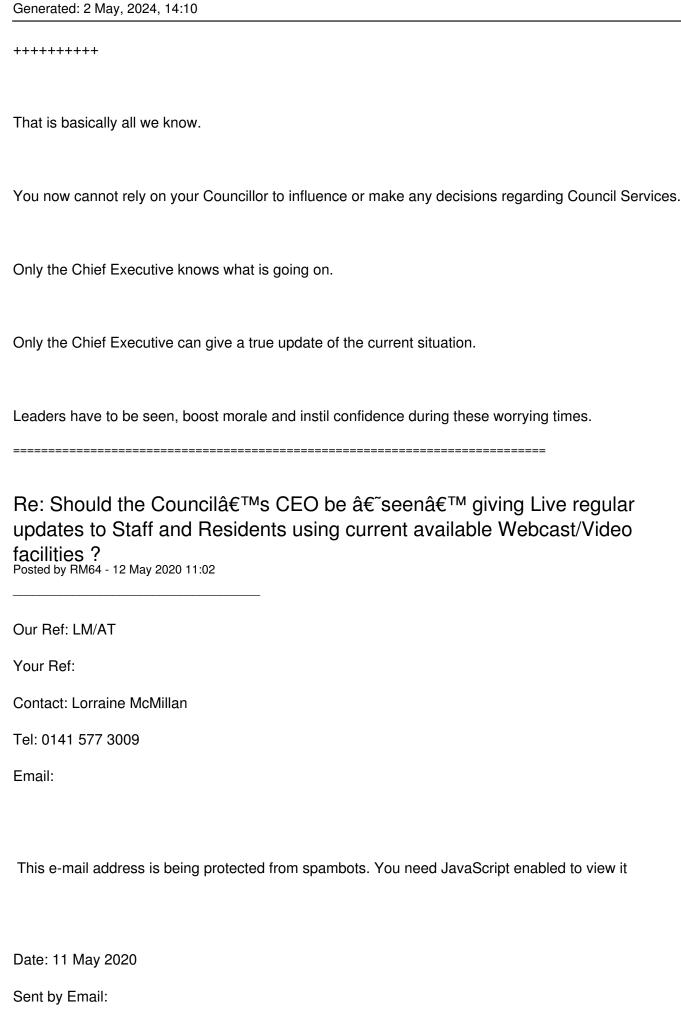
Should the Council's CEO be â€~seen' giving Live regular updates to Staff and Residents using current available Webcast/Video facilities ? Posted by RM64 - 01 Apr 2020 11:29
Only the Chief Executive knows what is going on.
Only the Chief Executive can give a true update of the current situation.
Why not in person using current available video technology?
Previously posted -
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Briefing Notes No. 145 - 23rd. March 2020
'Democracy officially cancelled in East Renfrewshire
This morning elected members of East Renfrewshire Council voted to hand control of council decisions over to unelected officers.
â€ .â€ â€ â€ â€ â€ a€ Let us be clear: councillors have handed control of decisions to those very same officers councillors are there to control.
In consequence, we now have no representation.

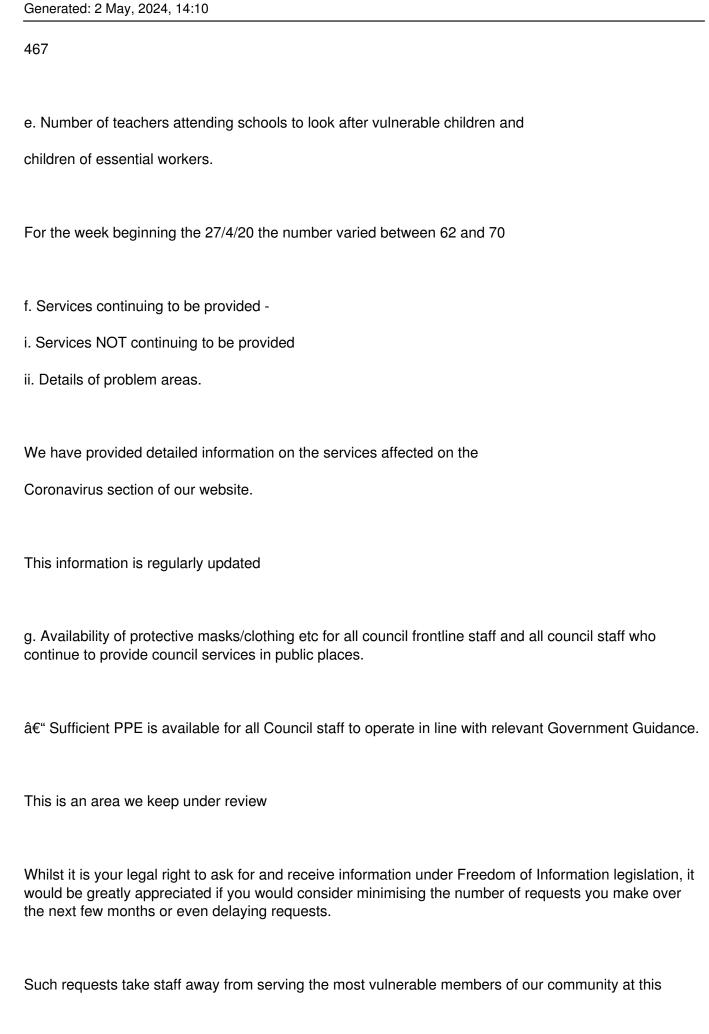
Councillors discussed but refused to impose any time-limit and as this matter is not time limited nor subject to review, it could run until the next council elections, whenever they are held.'

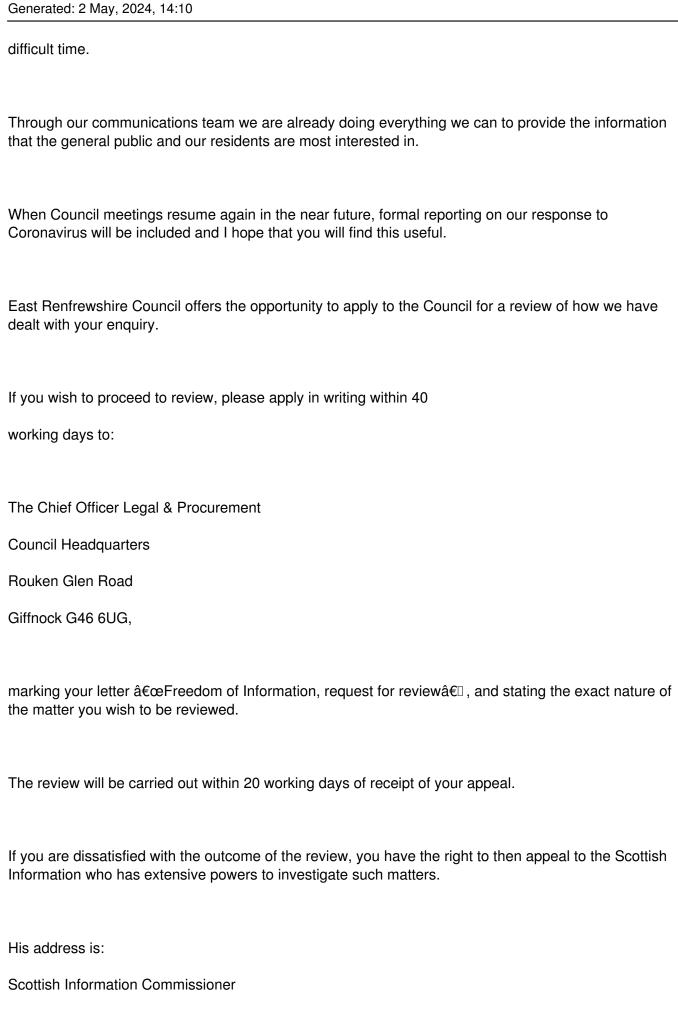


Generated: 2 May, 2024, 14:10 Chief Executive's Office East Renfrewshire Council HQ Eastwood Park Rouken Glen Road Giffnock, G46 6UG Emergency Decision-Making Arrangements - Keeping Staff and Residents Updated Thank you for your emails over the last few weeks. I will divide my response into 3 sections: 1. Thank you for your kind words about Council staff. Many of my team have been working extremely long hours over the last few weeks and have appreciated the support of our residents and the many people who have volunteered to support our most vulnerable residents. 2. You have commented on the way that the Council has provided information over the last few weeks. Can I assure you that we have done everything possible to communicate with our residents using all forms of social media and the press where appropriate. If there has been a change in a specific service, we have communicated directly with those using the service. You have suggested that I personally use the media of a video or webcast. It is something I was already considering and have now issued a short video. Councillor O'Kane and Councillor Buchanan have also issued short videos. However, our most important communication is to ensure that service users are aware of what is happening to the specific service they are receiving.

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3. You have asked for specific information and I will treat that as an FOI request:
a. Coronavirus confirmed cases
- this is information held by the NHS and I understand that it is released at NHS GGC level.
b. Coronavirus confirmed deaths
- this information is issued by NRS every Wednesday and is available on their website, broken down in Local Authority areas.
c. Number of Council workers
i. Number working from home
ii. Number on self -isolation
iii. Number on sick leave
We have 4654 staff. On the 27/4/20 - 409 were affected by coronavirus in some way and were not in a position to work at home.
414 were affected by coronavirus in some way but are able to work from home.
In addition, we have asked all staff who can work from home to do so and many are able to do that.
Some staff will work from home part time, only coming into their place of work when absolutely necessary.
d. Number of vulnerable children at high risk and Number of children of essential workers attending schools.





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Yours sincerely
Lorraine McMillan
Chief Executive
Re: Should the Council's CEO be â€~seen' giving Live regular updates to Staff and Residents using current available Webcast/Video facilities? Posted by RM64 - 12 May 2020 11:08
Original Message
To:
This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it
Cc: "Buchanan, Tony (Cllr)" ; "Miller, Stewart (Cllr)" ; "O'Kane, Paul (Cllr)"
Re: Should the Council's CEO be â€~seen' giving Live regular updates to Staff and Residents using current available Webcast/Video facilities? Posted by Tom - 17 May 2020 17:38
"Whilst it is your legal right to ask for and receive information under Freedom of Information legislation, it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider minimising the number of requests you

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make over the next few months or even delaying requests.

Such requests take staff away from serving the most vulnerable members of our community at this difficult time.

Through our communications team we are already doing everything we can to provide the information that the general public and our residents are most interested in."

Lorraine McMillan Chief Executive Officer

Salary £116,239

Re: Should the Council's CEO be â€~seen' giving Live regular updates to Staff and Residents using current available Webcast/Video facilities?

Posted by Tom - 17 May 2020 17:46

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From the Scottish Information Commissioner.

" Asking for information during the Covid-19 pandemic

Freedom of information is an important tool for ensuring that Scottish public authorities are accountable for the work that they do and the decisions they make.

The FOI principles of openness and transparency are key in helping to retain and strengthen public trust. The " right to information " provided by FOI therefore remains critically important during the Covid-19 pandemic. "

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updates to Staff and Residents using current available Webcast/Video
facilities ?

updates to Staff and Residents using current available Webcast/Video facilities? Posted by Tom - 17 May 2020 17:57
"Such requests take staff away from serving the most vulnerable members of our community at this difficult time."
Hmmmm, so the Culture and Leisure staff who currently have no role are now working on the front line, namely the Director and his Secretary?
The Director of the Environment and his Personal Assistant are now on the front line?
Re: Should the Council's CEO be â€~seen' giving Live regular updates to Staff and Residents using current available Webcast/Video facilities ?
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In my opinion absolute spin Ms McMillan. Se