**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

Reference: ECC15424014 09 23
Response: 21 September 2023

I can confirm that Essex County Council does hold this information.

**Question 1 -** **Can you confirm if Essex County council is set up structurally as a corporation holding a company number that complies with the companies act 2006?**

***Local authorities, including Essex County council, are not incorporated entities under the companies act 2006.***

**If this is the case, why are you listed under the companies act?**

Essex County Council is a County Council - not a company. Essex County Council may show up on a search at Companies House because of being a shareholder, member or secretary of a company/limited liability partnership that is registered at Companies House.

**Question 2 - What is Essex County council's d-u-n-s number?**

***The number that relates to county hall is: 22-635-3050***

**Is Essex County council and Epping Forest district council structurally set up as a company? Companies are only registered for the purpose of credit. What is the purpose for the council being listed?**

Please see our response to Q1 above.

For information about Epping Forest District Council, please contact  FreedomOfInformation@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

**Question 3 - Specifically for the last year please provide receipts for room hire at Chelmsford magistrates court for the last year (for the purpose of conducting summons and liability hearings).**

Essex County Council does do not hold this information. There are free interview rooms which can be used and a robing room for barristers, but we are not aware of any other room facilities and certainly none for which we have paid.

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