

Dear Lauren

Thank you for your email and apologies for the delay in responding.

Following our telephone conversation this afternoon I can confirm that councillors are now exempt from paying the data protection fee.

As the register is a register of fee payers, if no fee is due they would no longer be placed on the register.

Please reply to this email with a list of the councillors that you would like removed from the register.

Kind regards

Dear Lauren

Thank you for your telephone call.

From 1 April 2019, the Data Protection (Charges and Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 exempted the processing of personal data for:

- Members of the House of Lords
- Elected representatives
- Prospective representatives – someone seeking to become an 'elected representative'

'Elected representatives' is defined by the Data Protection Act 2018 and includes, but is not limited to, MPs, MSPs, AMs in Wales, MEPs, elected councillors in county councils, district councils, London boroughs, parish councils, elected mayors and police and crime commissioners.

'Prospective representative' refers to anyone seeking to become an elected representative as defined above.

If any member is only processing personal data in connection with their functions as members of House of Lords, elected representatives, or in connection with any activity where the sole or principle purpose is their future election then they will not need to pay the data protection fee.

If however, any member also processes personal data for any other non-exempt purpose, for example a business owner that processes personal data or if the use of CCTV for business/crime prevention purposes in connection with that business, then as that processing is not exempt they must pay the data protection fee.

If you wish for the current entity(s) to be removed please email dataprotectionfee@ico.org.uk quoting the registration number and security number, if known.