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From: FOI
Sent: 08 June 2021 10:35
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 068-21 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-068-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 9 May 2021 and received by the Commission on 10 May 2021.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is shown below followed by our response.

I'm trying to find a list of which parties contested which seats in local elections in 2017 and 2021 in order to see in which constituencies parties stood aside in 2021, possibly as part of a pact. I can happily crunch the data myself but what I'd ideally like for those two years is a list of seat names followed by a list of party names contesting that area. Where boundaries have changed, I'd ideally like all the data - so if an area was called "villages 1 and 2" in 2017 but was called "villages 3 and 4" in 2021, I'd like results quoted with name "villages 1 and 2" for 2017 and "villages 3 and 4" for 2021.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

The Commission does not collect data on the results of local elections. The data we do collect from returning officers is administrative only (turnout, number of postal votes etc).

For the information you require, you would need to contact the local councils themselves.

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority. If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-request.

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely

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