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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_17-304)**

We have now considered your request of 12 December 2017 for information relating to the relationship between the Vice-Chancellor of UEA and the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS).

Our response is on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request. Pursuant to your wishes, we have also supplied a response to the request via the online form whose link you supplied with the initial request.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold information relevant to question 8 of your request. Further information is on page 3 of this letter.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Yours sincerely

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## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_17-304)

1. *Is the vice-chancellor a current active member of USS?*

Yes.

a. *If yes, does the university contribute to the vice-chancellor's USS pension (apart from technical charges you have to pay for death in service)?*

Yes.

b. *If no, has the vice-chancellor ever been an active member of USS?*

Not applicable – see response to question 1.

2. *If the vice-chancellor has previously been a member of USS, but is no longer an active member*

a. *When did they leave USS?*

b. *Had the vice-chancellor reached the maximum lifetime allowance when they ceased to be an active member of USS?*

Not applicable – see response to question 1.

3. *If the vice-chancellor is not an active member of USS, does the university provide a payment in lieu of pension contribution?*

a. *Has the university made a payment of this type every year since the vice-chancellor left USS?*

Not applicable – see response to question 1.

4. *If the vice-chancellor is not an active member of USS, does the university provide a payment to an alternative pension provider? N/A*

a. *Has the university made a payment of this type every year since the vice-chancellor left USS?*

Not applicable – see response to question 1.

5. *If yes to Q3 or Q4 please list each of the total payments made in each year since the vice-chancellor left USS*

Not applicable – see response to questions 3 and 4.

6. *If yes to Q3 or Q4 - How many other members of staff have reached their lifetime allowance since the vice-chancellor ceased to be an active member of USS?*

Not applicable – see response to questions 3 and 4.

7. *If yes to Q3 or Q4 - How many of these staff members have received payments in lieu of pension contributions?*

Not applicable – see response to questions 3 and 4.

8. *Does the vice-chancellor wish to see the Defined Benefit element of the USS pension scheme be retained?*

***[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]***

The University does not hold any recorded information stating the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor on the retention of the Defined Benefit element of the USS pension scheme.