

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-1265 - Expenditure
Date: 26 September 2017 14:47:13
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 30 August 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

My request relates to expenditure incurred by the council.

I am requesting for the 2016/17 financial year:

Details of all items of expenditure over £500 or above, including but not exclusively:

- individual invoices
- grant payments
- expense payments
- payments for goods and services
- transactions with other public bodies

For each individual item of expenditure, please provide:

- date it was incurred
- department which incurred the expenditure
- beneficiary
- amount
- merchant category

Please provide this information in electronic form, in a spreadsheet (.CSV file or equivalent).

ACC is unable to provide you with this information as it would cost more than £600 to do so. Please refer to the explanation below:

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **for the 2016/17 financial year, details of all items of expenditure over £500 or above, including but not exclusively individual invoices, grant payments, expense payments, payments for goods and services and transactions with other public bodies, providing date it was incurred, department which incurred the expenditure, beneficiary, amount and merchant category** as the cost of providing it has been calculated as being in excess of the statutory maximum (£600). To explain this, the spreadsheet contains information which identifies individuals and personal details. Employees could be identified from transaction information relating to their salary. It may be possible to identify social work clients from the social work cost centres and school children could be identified from the education cost centres. It would involve an ACC officer having to check 119,00 lines of information and remove personal information from the spreadsheet. This has been calculated at 5 lines per minute, which equates to 400 hours, at the cost of £6,000 in total.

In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby give notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 12 - Excessive Cost of Compliance - of the FOISA.

ACC would be happy to discuss ways in which you may refine your request, so we can provide some information of interest to you within the maximum cost limits. For example, specifying a particular area of expenditure. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

Previous FOISA responses relating to Finance can be found on ACC's online Disclosure Log, which may be of interest:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/council_government/dp_foi/freedom_information/DisclosureLog2017/financial_information_2017.asp

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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