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Subject: EIR-17-1375 - Hydrogen Fuelling Station
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 25 September 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I am looking for information regarding the hydrogen fuelling station which opened in Cove in February.

Please provide me with a month-by-month breakdown, dating back to the opening of the station, of the following:

Please note that ACC is unable to provide a month-by-month breakdown as the facility is still in its first year of operation.

How many times has the station been used?

269 refuellings for the period April – August 2017.

How many cars have used the station?

253 car refuellings by 14 cars.

How many vans have used the station?

16 van refuellings by 4 vans.

Are there any other vehicles which have used the station? If so, what are these and how many times?

No.

What are the ongoing operating costs of the facility and how are these broken down?

The operating costs include electricity, water rates, business rates, grounds & building maintenance, insurance, key holder and alarm system contract. Currently these costs are being captured and analysed to understand the full operational costs of operating a hydrogen facility. This is a pilot project for Aberdeen City Council, where incomes from hydrogen fuel sales and vehicle leases are balanced against costs from operating the facility and as such, in its first year of operation are still being forecast on a monthly basis.

What are the ongoing staffing costs of the facility?

There are no direct Aberdeen City Council staffing costs. The facility is operated by a local company to ensure the hydrogen plant safe operating model and perform the required plant & system checks.

How many times have the training facilities been used on-site?

The training room is used regularly for a variety of purposes including foreign delegation visits, project meetings, training of personnel, school and community events.

What is the approximate cost for each use of the training facilities?

Currently there is not a cost for the use of the training facilities, however in time there may be opportunity for the training room to be used out with Aberdeen City Council purposes and then a cost for a room rate would be applied at an equivalent market rate.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on a **month-by-month breakdown of the above information and the ongoing operating costs of the facility** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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