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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1381 - Winter Service Plans
Date: 29 September 2017 14:09:33
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Your Ref: [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 26 September 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please provide information including sight of any written, electronic communication or photographic material detailing the Winter Service Plans relative to road gritting in the local authority area for the period of 1 January 2013 to date.

Winter Service Plan 2016/2017 can be found here:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/web/files/Roads/current_winter_service_plan.pdf

Committee Papers relating to Winter Service Plan 2015/16 can be found here:

<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s51283/Roads%20Winter%20Services%20Plan%20Report.pdf>

Committee Papers relating to Winter Service Plan 2014/15 can be found here:

<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s40171/EPI.14.189%20-%20Roads%20Winter%20Service%20Plan%202014%20-%202015.pdf>

Committee Papers relating to Winter Service Plan 2013/14 can be found here:

<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s27800/EPI.13.140%20-%20Roads%20Winter%20Service%20Plan%202013%20-%202014.pdf>

Committee Papers relating to Winter Service Plan 2012/13 can be found here:

<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s21842/EPI.12.183%20-%20Winter%20Report%20September%202012.pdf>

Further information on gritting and snow clearing can be found here:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/transport_streets/roads_pavements/roa_winter_main.asp

In relation to ‘**sight of any written, electronic communication or photographic material**’, ACC is unable to provide you with this information as it is excepted from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable - of the EIRs.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

This type of request would require the analysis of upwards of 1,674 winter advice and gritting logs, which would each be required to be redacted. In addition to this, upwards of twenty staff would then be required to perform email searches and every email regarding winter maintenance since January 2013 would then have to be printed and again redacted. As a minimum number, redaction of 1,674 documents would take up to 139 hours, which would be costed at £1,314.09 to complete, this is not including time spent searching and redacting emails, locating committee reports and online service plans.

There is only one person processing claims for the roads department as well as processing FOI requests. Both tasks are time sensitive. Collating the requested information would seriously impede officers ability to undertake other duties.

Under advice and assistance, we have provided you with the information above. We would also like to ask whether you would like to consider reducing the scope of your request. For example, is there any particular

year's Winter Service Plan you are most interested in or is there a particular area of Aberdeen that you are interested in i.e. gritting plans for a certain area of Aberdeen.

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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