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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI-17-1858 - Denis Law  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 4 December 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Can you please furnish me with the following information re the Denis Law Freedom of the City luncheon dinner at the Beach Ballroom!**

**1. What was the total number of guests who attended the luncheon / dinner event?**

There wasn't a record or head count taken. Officers have advised that approximately 414 guests attended.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the total number of guests who attended the luncheon / dinner event** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

**2. Who compiled the guest list?**

The guest list was compiled by the Lord Provost and Denis Law (and people working on his behalf).

**3. What was the cost per head at the event?**

ACC does not hold a 'cost per head' figure, however the total expenditure for the whole Freedom of the City event is currently £57,899.93. This includes the luncheon/dinner event and the parade.

Please note that the final costs may change as final amounts are invoiced following the event. It is considered that the total cost will be in the region of £60,000.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the cost per head at the event** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

**4. Can you supply the full list of names on the guest list?**

ACC is unable to provide you with a full list of names on the guest list as some individual's personal information will be exempt from disclosure.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the full list of names on the guest list** as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with 38(2)(a)(i) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(1)(b) applies to the information specified above as any information held is personal information relating to living individuals, of which the applicant is not the data subject.

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(2)(a)(i) applies, as we consider that disclosure of this information would be a breach of the first Data Protection Principle (that personal information must be processed fairly and lawfully). These individuals have not consented to the disclosure of their information, and ACC does not consider that they would expect ACC to release this information about them into the public domain under the FOISA.

However, we are able to advise you of the names of current Councillors and council officers above Head of Service level who were on the guest list. Please see below:

Lord Provost Barney Crockett

Cllr John Wheeler

Cllr Alan Donnelly

Cllr Alex Nicoll

Cllr Alexander McLellan

Cllr Alison Alphonse

Cllr Avril Mackenzie

Cllr Bill Cormie

Cllr Catriona Mackenzie

Cllr Christian Allard

Cllr Ciaran McRae

Cllr Claire Imrie

Cllr David Cameron

Cllr Dell Henrickson

Cllr Douglas Lumsden

Cllr Freddie John

Cllr Gordon Graham

Cllr Jackie Dunbar

Cllr Jennifer Laing

Cllr Jim Noble

Cllr John Cooke

Cllr John Reynolds

Cllr Lesley Dunbar

Cllr M. Tauqeer Malik

Cllr Martin Greig

Cllr Michael Hutchison

Cllr Neil Copland

Cllr Neil MacGregor

Cllr Philip Bell

Cllr Philip Sellar

Cllr Ross Grant

Cllr Ryan Houghton

Cllr Sandra MacDonald

Cllr Sandy Stuart

Cllr Sarah Duncan  
Cllr Stephen Flynn  
Cllr Steve Delaney  
Cllr Tom Mason  
Derek McGowan, Head of Communities and Housing  
Fraser Bell, Head of Legal and Democratic Services  
John Quinn, Head of Land and Property Assets  
Richard Sweetnam, Head of Economic Development

**5. How many ex Councillors were invited?**

14.

**6. How many ex Councillors attended?**

9.

**7. What were the names of the ex Councillors on the guest list.**

ACC is unable to provide you with the names of the ex-Councillors on the guest list as their personal information will be exempt from disclosure.

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**8. How many ACC Officers attended the event?**

4.

**9. What were there names?**

Derek McGowan, Head of Communities and Housing  
Fraser Bell, Head of Legal and Democratic Services  
John Quinn, Head of Land and Property Assets  
Richard Sweetnam, Head of Economic Development

**10. How many ordinary (non ACC, non Members, non footballing dignitaries, non business leaders) citizens of Aberdeen were invited to the event?**

Approximately 371. Please note, this is all guests invited who are not current councillors and

Heads of Service as there is no record on the guest list to state whether guests are 'ordinary' (as per your definition above) or not.

**11. What was the total cost of the luncheon / dinner event?**

ACC are unable to provide you with the total cost of the luncheon/dinner event and costings are held for the total event. The total expenditure for the whole Freedom of the City event is currently £57,899.93. This includes the luncheon/dinner event and the parade.

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**12. Where did the funds come from e.g. The Common Good fund?**

Funding was from the Common Good Fund.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
Information Compliance Officer

**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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