

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: REV-17-1653 - Consultancy Fees
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for review of 10 January 2018 on the basis that that you had yet to receive a response.

Please accept our sincerest apologies that Aberdeen City Council (ACC) failed to respond to your information request of 07 November 2018, made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

In accordance with Section 21(4)(c) of FOISA, please find below the response to your information request, which comprises the Review Outcome:

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **details for external consultancy fees for the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17 including the names of the companies/groups/ individuals used, the nature and reason of the contract and the fee or payment made on each contract** as the cost of providing it has been calculated as being in excess of the statutory maximum (£600). To explain this, it would involve an ACC Officer checking over 2000 transactions and identify invoices relevant to various contracts. This has been calculated at 5 minutes per invoice, which equates to 166 hours, at the cost of £2,490 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. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

Again, we do apologise for delay in providing you the response.

Yours sincerely,

Salomeh Kheyri Rad
On behalf of Review Panel Clerk

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request for an internal review, you can apply directly to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) for a decision. Generally, OSIC cannot make a decision unless you have been through the ACC's review procedure. To make an application to OSIC, please write or email OSIC at:

The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
www.itspublicknowledge.info

An application to OSIC must be made in writing within six months of receipt of ACC's Review Decision Notice. When applying to OSIC for a decision you should give your name and address for correspondence. Please note that OSIC will not be able to investigate if you have not used your real name to make your information request. You must also specify:

- which request for information your requirement for review relates to
- the reason that you asked ACC to carry out a review of your request
- the reason why you are not satisfied with ACC's review outcome decision

The Commissioner will contact ACC and invite its comments on your application. Thereafter (if no settlement has meantime been reached), the Commissioner must reach a decision within 4 months of receiving your application, or within such other period as is reasonable. You will receive written notice of the outcome of the Commissioner's decision.

Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only. Any such appeal must be made within 42 days after the date of the decision has been issued.

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