

**From:** Foi Enquiries  
**Sent:** 20 February 2019 14:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-19-0163 - Potholes  
**Attachments:** V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 25 January 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

**1) The amount of money spend filling potholes in 2016, 2017 and 2018.**

Please note that ACC is unable to provide you the amount of money which was spent on filling the potholes only. Please see below the figures which refer to all carriageway patching (not planned resurfacing works) that are carried out by Roads and not strictly filling potholes, as this is how the figures are held. Costings are held by financial year from April to April, please see below the costs for each financial year:

2016-17 - £840,394.00

2017-18 - £1,363,530.00

2018-19 - £261,513.00 (up until the beginning of August, as these are the latest collated figures.)

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the amount of money spend filling potholes in 2016, 2017 and 2018** 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.

**2) The number of potholes filled in in 2016, 2017 and 2018.**

Please note that the below figures are an approximate total, as during find and fix operations, the total number of potholes repaired is sometimes recorded as 'various'. These figures are by financial year:

2016/17 - 20,116

2017/18 - 20,404

2018/19 - 11,997 (up to 13/01/2019)

**3) The amount of money paid in compensation due to damage caused by potholes in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the number of claims in each year.**

This information is publicly available on our website. Please see the link below:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/financial-information-and-procurement/corporate-insurance>

As **the amount of money paid in compensation due to damage caused by potholes in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the number of claims in each year** is otherwise accessible through the Council website, it is exempt 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 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
Access to Information Officer

### **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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