

Foi Enquiries

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 26 February 2019 10:19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-19-0217 - Potholes
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 06 February 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

Please provide me with the following information under the freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA):

- **The number of potholes which were identified by inspection in January 2019**
There were approximately 1287 potholes repaired in January 2019, it is not possible to provide an accurate number of potholes identified, as often numbers of potholes recorded are approximates rather than exact numbers. These were repaired as a result of inspections, customer enquiries and find and fix operations.
- **The total estimated cost of repairing the potholes identified**
The information requested is not held due to the system which Roads use, CONFIRM, does not have a function to estimate costs for repair orders. It is not possible to calculate an average cost for filling potholes, as each one will be of different size and require more or less materials than another. Actual costs are recorded based on overall use of materials and labour associated with certain job numbers, such as carriageway patching.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **total estimated cost of repairing the potholes identified** 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.

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.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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