

Foi Enquiries

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 26 February 2019 15:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-19-0218 - Consultants
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 05 February 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1/ The total amount of money the council has spent on consultants during 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

2015/16: £8,922,750.76

2016/17: £9,942,590.47

2017/18: £11,740,164.63

Please note the above figures are based on invoices recorded through the "Consultants costs" code and will include transactions as varied as design of the AWPR to hiring of a specialist music tutor to provide a lesson in playing a musical instrument. By consultants we have included any individual or company hired from outside the Council to carry out a specific set task.

2/ Details of each of the projects they were involved with and a breakdown of their individual costs

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **details of each of the projects they were involved with and a breakdown of their individual costs** 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 going through 4350 transactions over the 3 financial year, spend 5 minutes to check each entry and obtain the information. This equates to 362.5 hours at the cost of £5,437.5 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. For example, by reducing the time period you are interested in. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

3/ Dates for each of the projects consultants were brought in to help with.

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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.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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