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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0225 - Public Spaces
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we would be most grateful if you could provide the following information relevant to the management of your public open spaces:

1) Does your local authority outsource any of the following services:

a) Grounds maintenance

No

b) Arboriculture/tree surgery

Stump grinding

c) Any professional services related to open spaces such as landscape design, open space strategies, biodiversity plans or similar

Forestry Consultant

d) Street cleansing

No

e) Winter services (non-highway) such as gritting and snow clearance

No

2) If so, could you please advise us:

a) The name of your current contractor/s

- Stump grinding K & S Tree Care
- Forestry-C.J Piper

b) The start date and term of any contracts awarded with any available extension periods

Stumps January 2017-variable term Forestry 2016-2021

c) The value of the contract

Stumps £5K Forestry-no win no fee

3) If you do not outsource any of these services, could you give us your approximate annual expenditure on the five services listed in Q1 above.

a) Grounds maintenance

£5.7M

b) Arboriculture/tree surgery

£500 K

c) Any professional services related to open spaces such as landscape design, open space strategies, biodiversity plans or similar

This is included in response to 1 a)

d) Street cleansing

£2.1M

e) Winter services (non-highway) such as gritting and snow clearance

We do not carry out any gritting and/or snow clearance to any “non-highway” areas.

4) Does your authority have a written policy for or against outsourcing these services?

There is not current policy in place for or against outsourcing these services.

5) If it is your authority’s policy not to outsource, is there written evidence that your authority would consider different relationships with the private sector, such as management contracts, joint ventures or not-for-profit arrangements?

N/A

6) Has your local authority commissioned any landscape construction works in the past 3 years?

If so, could you please advise us:

The names of your landscape construction contractors

- a)** Hunter Construction. Duthie Park Restoration,
MTM Construction, at Duthie Park,

Laing Traditional Masonry, rebuilding east boundary wall at Duthie Park,

b) The nature of the construction (hard, soft, civils)

All

c) The total value of the project

£2,969,258 £56,489 £56,730.25 respectively

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

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. 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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