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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0246 - Council Tax
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 10 February 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I have received the correspondence setting out the percentage increases in council tax for Band E to H properties for 2017/18 introduced by the Scottish Government.

While the specific purpose of the increase has been omitted from your letter I am aware from the media that it will be earmarked for improving education standards within the Aberdeen City area.

I shall be grateful if you will respond to the following points

Please note, this money is not to be earmarked for improving education standards.

a) Amount to be generated from the Scottish Government legislation?

Aberdeen City Council is predicted to generate an additional £5.9 million from this legislation.

b) Confirmation that these funds will be ring-fenced for the specified purpose?

The funds are not ring fenced. Scottish Government announced in its draft budget on 15 December that the attainment fund of £120 million would be funded separately. The ring fenced sum that Aberdeen City Council will receive is £2.7 million. The link to the draft budget is here:

<http://news.gov.scot/news/budget-local-government-funding-1>

c) Clarification of how the funds will be distributed across the schools within Aberdeen City?

Clarification can be found here.

<http://news.gov.scot/news/pupil-equity-funding>

As **Clarification of how the funds will be distributed across the schools within Aberdeen City** is otherwise accessible at the link provided above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

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.

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