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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0293 - Legal Firms
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 1 March 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

1) Can you please confirm if the Council contracts Aberdeen based law firm Brodies LLP and any and all of their associated offices on any kind of retainer?

Aberdeen City Council does have a contract with Brodies LLP. Brodies are not paid a retainer.

2) Can you please confirm how much Brodies LLP has invoiced ACC for any and all of their services between May 2012 and December 2016?

£2,082,837.

3) Can you also specify which other outside law and legal firms ACC has utilised / paid over the same May 2012 to December 2016 time frame?

The other main external law firms that ACC has utilised over this time frame are Morton Fraser and DWF.

4) Can you also specify which other outside law and legal firms ACC has on retainer over the same May 2012 to December 2016 time frame?

No external law firms were paid a retainer over this time frame.

The term "retainer" was used to clarify if Brodies LLP are paid a minimum annual amount per year e.g. so as to be available when required for Council business? If yes then I'd like that amount to be made known as well.

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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