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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 7 march 2017 and subsequent clarification. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I am requesting the following information:

PPP Schemes (including PFI, NPD and Hub Initiative)

In the past 3 years:

1. What measures have you taken to monitor the contract performance of PPP schemes?

- **We are looking for a description of systems and an approximate indication of client side staffing to undertake contract monitoring.**

Contract Monitoring of PPP Projects is undertaken by the Facilities Contracts Team, currently comprising of an FM Contracts Manager and an FM Contracts Advisor (plus additional input from other teams including Facilities Management and Education Asset Management Team). Monitoring generally consists of regular visits to and inspection of properties focussing on compliance with Health & Safety, inspection of ongoing and completed repair, PPM, variation and lifecycle works and identification and reporting of repairs required. In addition monthly meetings are held with the contracting organisation to discuss and resolve any problems arising from provision of the services.

2. What penalty charges or other payments have you recovered?

- **From which scheme and amount received.**

In respect of the 3Rs Projects (schools) deductions received in the last three completed financial years are as follows:

2013/14 - £108,532
2014/15 - £49,821
2015/16 - £49,187

3. Has your organisation restructured any of its PPP contracts?

No

4. If so, what savings has this delivered to your organisation?

From which scheme and amount received.

Not Applicable

5. Have you considered buying out any PPP schemes?

Yes, consideration was given to buying out the debt of the primary funder when they were looking to sell.

6. If so, what was the outcome of that consideration?

On contacting the Scottish Government, the Council was referred to the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) who ultimately advised that such a scheme would count against the Scottish Government's Capital Block Allocation and therefore could not be pursued.

7. Has your council changed the length of loans to lower individual repayments?

- **If so, what is the annual saving?**

No

8. Has your council refinanced any loans to take advantage of lower interest rates?

- **If so, what is the annual saving?**

No, changes to PWLB refinancing costs in 2008, have made this option unaffordable.

9. Has your council considered using bonds to finance capital borrowing?

- **If so, what was the outcome of that consideration?**

Yes. We launched a successful £370m bond issue in November.

10. Have you considered any other measures to reduce your borrowing costs, other than borrowing from reserves?

- **If so, what was the outcome of that consideration?**

No, other than the bond issue.

11. Please supply a copy of your council's current borrowing book with outstanding loans in the usual spreadsheet format with, as a minimum, the information as set out below:

Outstanding Loans by Type - as of 05/01/17 :

| Type | Amount | Ave Rate |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Public Works Loan Board | £398.9m | 4.75% |
| Market Loans (incl LOBO's) | £93.9m | 4.59% |
| Negotiable Bonds | £370.0m | 0.10% |

Due to commercial sensitivity we cannot provide a breakdown of individual loans/providers

| Amount Borrowed £ | Date Borrowed £ | Maturity Date | Interest Rate % | Provider | Amount Outstanding £ | Loan Type |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|
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12. Has your council considered any revenue generating projects such electricity generation?

- **If so, what was the outcome of that consideration?**

A report on developing an energy services company was considered by full council on 17 August 2016 and links to the report and appendix are quoted below.

<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s59648/ESCo.pdf>

<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s59649/ESCo%20Appendix.pdf>

The Council's Powering Aberdeen Strategy was reported to full Council on 6 October 2016 and links to the report and appendix are quoted below.

<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s61214/Powering%20Aberdeen%20report.pdf>

<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s61215/Powering%20Aberdeen.pdf>

Both reports include comments on potential energy generation projects which are either in development by the Council or are likely to be considered at a future date.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

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