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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI-17-0754 - Council Expenditure  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 25 May 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Please provide me with a list of the latest (monthly/quarterly) payment to supplier or council expenditure of Aberdeen City Council.**

**I am looking for a list of payments made to suppliers of the latest month or quarter or year.**

**In that list I need the supplier name, payment date, amount, expense, type, service description.**

**Could you please provide me the same or let me know where exactly I will be able to get this information in your website?**

ACC are unable to provide the requested information. Payments made by the authority are not separated from individuals which could include say foster payments and those to commercial suppliers so any extract would include personal information. The authorities audited annual accounts for 2015/16 are on the council's website and unaudited accounts for 2016/17 will be uploaded for the end of June 2017.

<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=73124&SID=27236>

There are 55,900 transactions for May 2017 alone.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **a list of the latest (monthly/quarterly) payment to supplier or council expenditure of Aberdeen City Council** 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 checking through 55,900 transactions to make sure that the information provided only relates to suppliers and not to third parties which may lead to the identification of sensitive personal information. This has been calculated at 20 minutes per entry, which equates to 46 hours, at the cost of £690 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. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

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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