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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0906 - Fleet Services
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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 22 June 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I was hoping you could furnish me with the following information for ACC's fleet services:

- a) Vehicle Make/Model**
- b) Leased/Hired/Owned**
- c) Leasing/Hire Agent**
- d) Lease Start Date**
- e) Lease End Date**
- f) Cost of Lease**

Please see the attached spreadsheet. The cost of lease has been removed as this is commercially sensitive information.

Aberdeen City Council (ACC) is unable to provide you with information concerning the cost of lease as we consider this information 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 33(1)(b) – of the FOISA.

The lease cost per vehicle is deemed to be sensitive in terms of the current contracted supplier's commercial interests and, if disclosed, would potentially increase their competitors opportunities to the detriment of the current supplier. Furthermore, the release of individual aspects of any contract might result in potential suppliers not bidding for future contracts and thereby not ensuring that ACC achieve best value.

Therefore, it is considered by ACC that the lease cost will only be of interest to competitors and releasing this information will provide them with an commercial advantage to the detriment of the current supplier and potentially to ACC's ability to achieve best value in future tendering processes. ACC must maintain good working relationships with reputable companies to enable it to obtain value for money and so releasing commercially sensitive information could potentially damage ACC's reputation with such third parties, dissuading the third parties from engaging with ACC.

ACC recognises that there is a public interest in being open and transparent about its negotiations with third parties. However, ACC is of the view that in this case, the public interest lies in withholding the information as disclosure would prejudice ACC's commercial relationships and future contractual negotiations with third parties and after considering all the circumstances of the case, the public interest is best met by applying Section 33(1)(b) at this time.

We are unable to provide the lease start and end date for one of the vehicles listed on the spreadsheet as this information is currently unknown.

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We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

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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