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Dear Mr Sandy

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST RE: Parking Enforcement

Thank you for your information request dated 01/06/2009. Please find your questions and the Council's responses below:

1. Does your council have responsibility or partial responsibility for parking and motoring regulations (ie traffic wardens, parking fines and other motoring-related fixed penalties) in your area?

Response: This Council undertakes on-street parking enforcement on behalf of Kent County Council and also has direct responsibility for off-street parking.

2. How many traffic wardens were employed by the council in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: There were 8 Traffic Wardens (known as Parking Attendants) employed in 2007/08, 8 in April 2008 to December 2008 and 10 employed in January 2009 to March 2009 (known as Civil Enforcement Officers).

3. How many parking tickets (*Penalty Charge Notices*) were issued by the council's traffic wardens in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: 2007/08 - 8,956 parking tickets; 2008/09 - 10,112 parking tickets.

4. How many of these tickets (*Penalty Charge Notices*) were appealed? How many of these appeals were successful?

Response: Numbers appealed: 2007/08 - 1,976; 2008/09 - 2,145
Numbers successfully appealed: 2007/08 - 1,109; 2008/09 - 1,117.

5. How many motoring-related fixed penalties were issued by the council in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: We do not undertake this function.

6. How many of these motoring-related fixed penalties were appealed? How many of these appeals were successful?

Response: We do not undertake this function.

7. What was the total sum collected by the council's traffic wardens (*Parking Attendants / Civil Enforcement Officers*) 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: 2007/08 - £238,192
2008/09 - 257,652 (provisional figure subject to confirmation by end of year audit yet to be undertaken).

8. What is the total sum collected for all motoring-related fixed penalties in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: We do not undertake this function.

9. What was the typical cost of a parking fine (*Penalty Charge Notice*) issued by your traffic wardens in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: 2007/08 - £60, reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days; 2008/09 - £50 for lower contraventions, reduced to £25 if paid within 14 days, and £70 for higher contraventions, reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days.

10. What was the typical cost of a motoring-related fixed penalty issued by the council in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: We do not undertake this function.

11. What is the standard number of hours a traffic warden (*Parking Attendants / Civil Enforcement Officers*) is contracted to work by the council per week?

Response: 37 hours.

12. What was the highest remuneration (including salary, overtime, bonus and any other payments) paid to a traffic warden (*Parking Attendants / Civil Enforcement Officers*) employed by the council in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: 2007/08 - £24,841.65; 2008/09 - £26,070.62.

13. What is the highest number of hours overtime claimed by a traffic warden (*Parking Attendants / Civil Enforcement Officers*) in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: 2007/08 - 32 hours; 2008/09 - 36 hours.



14. What is the highest bonus awarded to a council traffic warden (Parking Attendants / Civil Enforcement Officers) in 2007/08 and 2008/09?

Response: 2007/08 - £250; 2008/09 - none.

15. Are the council's traffic wardens (Parking Attendants / Civil Enforcement Officers) incentivised with performance-related pay? If so, how does this performance-related pay structured? Please breakdown and explain the total remuneration of the traffic warden in your council who benefited the most from performance-related pay in 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Response: No such incentives are available.

I trust the above information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely



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