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(By email only)

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Dear Mr Behr,

Reference number: FOI/ENV/08/10/2372

On 12th August 2010 we received the following request for information from you:

“This is a question relating to your driver improvement schemes offered in place of a fixed penalty speeding charge, if you have such a scheme.

Please could you provide information relating to:

- 1 confirmation of its existence
- 2 cost of participating in this course
- 3 year of inception
- 4 details of who administers any such scheme
- 5 details of who delivers the scheme
- 6 details of how income is distributed, including beneficiaries of any or all income

For each accounting year since inception, please provide:

1. numbers of people participating in the driver improvement scheme each year including the most recent available figure;
2. an annual breakdown of income;
3. details of how income is spent or distributed, with annual breakdown;
4. confirmation of who receives this income, with details of where this information is publicly accessible;
5. confirmation of where this income appears in the accounts/budgets;
6. if the council receives all the income, clarification of how the local police service is compensated for loss of income from fixed penalty fines;
7. year by year cost of administering and delivering these courses;
8. which department of local administration is responsible for budgets relating to the driver improvement courses;
9. copies of accounts where driver awareness course revenue and expenditure is detailed.”

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that Hertfordshire County Council does hold the information you have requested and can respond as follows:

1 confirmation of its existence
Confirmed.

2 cost of participating in this course
£105.

3 year of inception
August 2006.

4 details of who administers any such scheme
Hertfordshire County Council.

5 details of who delivers the scheme
The courses are delivered by Driving Standards Agency, DSA Approved Driving Instructors, ADIs.

6 details of how income is distributed, including beneficiaries of any or all income
Income is used to cover the cost of Instructors (contractors as above), hire of venues (Ramada Jarvis Group), National database registration (NDORS Ltd), administration, bank charges, couriers, & training.

For each accounting year since inception, please provide:

1. numbers of people participating in the driver improvement scheme each year including the most recent available figure;

| TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDED COURSES IN HERTS | |
|---|--------------|
| 2006/07 | 1417 |
| 2007/08 | 6272 |
| 2008/09 | 8876 |
| 2009/10 | 8866 |
| 2010/11 (to 30.07.10) | 2355 |
| | 27786 |

2. an annual breakdown of income;

| INCOME | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2006/07 | 132,364.90 |
| 2007/08 | 633,862.85 |
| 2008/09 | 961,602.73 |
| 2009/10 | 922,727.86 |
| 2010/11 (to 30.07.10) | 375,921.39 |

3. details of how income is spent or distributed, with annual breakdown;

| DATE | Instructors | Venue | Materials | Administration & Overheads | NDORS | Courier | Training | TOTAL |
|---------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 2006/07 | 43,452.80 | 13,795.15 | | 45,585.45 | 2130 | | 27,401.50 | 132,364.90 |
| 2007/08 | 349,669.99 | 75,208.50 | 12679.63 | 181,981.74 | 9805.50 | 3,396 | 1,121.49 | 633,862.85 |
| 2008/09 | 538,902.47 | 109,610.55 | 18,517.33 | 274,430.38 | 17752 | 2,010 | 380 | 961,602.73 |
| 2009/10 | 592,256.33 | 99,631.25 | 23,660.93 | 112,389.70 | 92554 | 1,985.65 | 250 | 922,727.86 |
| 2010/11 | 177,389.77 | 25,265.29 | 6,033.26 | 117,912.42 | 48940 | 380.65 | | 375,921.39 |

4. confirmation of who receives this income, with details of where this information is publicly accessible;

As detailed in question 6 above

5. confirmation of where this income appears in the accounts/budgets;

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6. if the council receives all the income, clarification of how the local police service is compensated for loss of income from fixed penalty fines;

They are not.

7. year by year cost of administering and delivering these courses;

As detailed in question 3 above.

8. which department of local administration is responsible for budgets relating to the driver improvement courses;

As detailed in question 5.

9. copies of accounts where driver awareness course revenue and expenditure is detailed.

Separate accounts are not produced for the Speed Awareness Courses. They are included in the Traffic Management and Road Safety line of the Notes to the Accounts, Net Cost of Services section of HCC's Statement of Accounts. These are available online at www.hertsdirect.org/yrccouncil/cpdrp/account0203/ .

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, quoting the reference number on this email. To find out more about Freedom of Information, please visit

www.hertsdirect.org/foi

If you are unhappy with the way the County Council has handled your request for information, you may complain through the County Council's complaints procedure which is available at www.hertsdirect.org/complaints

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the complaints procedure you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to investigate your complaint. You should write to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Information Access Practitioner
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