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Dear Rob,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 16/04/2018 for information about Local Authority Pension Fund investments. Please find below Doncaster Council’s response to the questions you have raised.

**Question 1**

What is the most recent available value of the pension fund?

**Question 2**

What is the value of the fund’s directly-held investment in shares or bonds of the following companies: British American Tobacco, Imperial Brands, Japan Tobacco International, Altria Group Inc, Philip Morris International, Universal Corp, Alliance One International?

**Question 3**

What is the total combined value of the fund’s directly-held investments in the companies named above?

**Question 4**

What income did the fund receive from these investments in the last 12-month period for which records are available?

**Question 5**

Does the fund have any other investments in tobacco via pooled investments? What is the value of these?

**Response to questions 1 to 5**

Doncaster Council participates in the South Yorkshire Pension Scheme (a Local Authority Pension Scheme) which is a defined benefit pension scheme administered by the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (SYPA). The following link will take you to the SYPA annual report and statement of accounts, which may provide some information that is relevant to your questions:

<http://www.sypensions.org.uk/Publications/Annual-Reports>.

However, should you require further / more specific information then you will need to submit a Freedom of Information request to SYPA. Contact details can be found on their website: <http://www.sypensions.org.uk>.

**Question 6**

What is the local authority’s annual spend on smoking-related illness?

**Response**

The Council doesn’t record spend specifically about smoke-related illness. However, we do record spend relating to smoking & tobacco services as a whole.

Actual spend is published in the Revenue Outturn (RO) Forms, which are submitted by all Local Authorities to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government. The information for 2016/17 can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing-england-2016-to-2017-individual-local-authority-data-outturn>.

Public Health services are included within form RO3. This will show for Doncaster the following spend in 2016/17:-

* £965k + £67k = £1,032k total – stop smoking services and interventions & wider tobacco control (covers local stop smoking services, incentive schemes / interventions & preventing uptake, smoke free initiatives, regulatory & enforcement activity).

The Council has budgeted a total of £1,133k for these services in the 2018/19 financial year.

**Question 7**

Please supply the number of deaths attributable to smoking in the local authority areas covered by your pension fund. Your Director of Public Health or equivalent should be able to supply this figure.

**Response**

This information is available at the following address: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/tobacco-control>.

Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £25.00 to respond to this request for information.

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Yours sincerely,

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