



**MANCHESTER  
CITY COUNCIL**

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Your ref:

Our ref: SOL / BLAH39

Date: 5 February 2020

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Rhi Storer

Sent by email – [request-639744-200b4e13@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-639744-200b4e13@whatdotheyknow.com)

Re – Request for Information – SOL / BLAH39

Dear Rhi Storer

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by Manchester City Council on 29 January 2020 and has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You have requested the following information:

I would like to know how much money the council has spent on political advisers for each council department dating from 2010 - present.

I would also like to know how much money or donations the council has spent on political advisers for each councillor dating from 2010 - present.

Response:

We have interpreted your references to political advisers as referring to assistants for political groups under section 9 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Manchester City Council has not employed officers in such a role during the period of your request.

Please note if you are not satisfied with this response you may ask for an internal review. If you wish an internal review to be undertaken you should contact the Democratic Services Legal Team, whose address is, PO Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA, email:

[informationcompliance@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:informationcompliance@manchester.gov.uk) in the first instance. A copy of the Council's access to information complaints procedure can be downloaded from [http://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/6095/access\\_to\\_information\\_complaints\\_and\\_appeal\\_procedure](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/6095/access_to_information_complaints_and_appeal_procedure). If you do not have internet access and require a paper copy, please let me know.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review process, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

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SK9 5AF

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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