



Mr Chris Todd

**Email:** accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  
**Our ref:** 2477265  
**Date:** 14 May 2019

Dear Mr Todd

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Central Bedfordshire Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

*I am writing to you to request the following information:*

**Q1. What was the total net spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2018/19?\***

A1. £964,286

**Q2. What was the total net spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2009/10?\***

A2. £356,033

**\*Note: These refer to the Department for Transport's definition of a supported bus service as: 'one where a local transport authority has invited tenders for the operation of a service (not e.g. seats on a bus or subsidised tickets etc), and a contract exists as a result of that tender'. Please, exclude extra sources of funding such as Section 106/developer funding, Community Infrastructure Levy, local authority staffing and publicity, RTPI expenditure and revenue, the Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG), Local Education Authority funding for home to school transport, NHS-funded non-emergency patient transport, social services transport, voluntary transport and other central and national government grants or income streams.**

**Q3. How many and which supported routes have had cuts in services in the fiscal year 2018/19 and (for example loss of weekend or evening services)? Please state if these are partial (the numbered service still runs but on fewer times) or total (the numbered service is completely withdrawn) cuts.**

A3. None

**Q4. How many and which of the previously supported routes have been taken on commercially?**

**Central Bedfordshire Council**

**Please reply to:**

Access to Information  
Community Services  
Central Bedfordshire Council  
Priory House, Monks Walk,  
Chicksands, Shefford  
Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

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A4. None

**Q5a. What was the total net spend on free school transport in 2018/19?**

A5a. £4,017,845.86

**Q5b. How many pupils was this for?**

A5b. 5,700

**Q6a. What was the total net spend on free school transport in 2013/14?**

A6a. £2,911,381.06

**Q6b. How many pupils was this for?**

A6b. 3,639

Please quote the reference number 2477265 in any future communications.

If you wish to request a review of this response, please contact us either by email ([accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)) or in writing to the reply address detailed below.

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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 01625 545 700

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Mulliner  
Freedom of Information Officer