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Dear Sean Deerblack

Freedom of Information Request: Staff Car Parking Permits

I am writing regarding your request for information, which I received on 27th January 2009.

1. How many members of staff working for Leeds City Council have free parking places?

Employees at Leeds are based across a wide range of locations across city and non city centre buildings, many of these buildings have associated car parking either owned by Leeds City Council or provided as part of the building lease agreement. The employees with parking places in the city centre are allocated a space in either Council owned public car parks (namely Woodhouse Lane) or on surface area car parks, (non public parking associated with civic buildings on council owned or leased land). 548 named staff have access to city centre parking through the allocation of permits which some people share in a pool arrangement or as job share partners. We do not hold the information on the number of staff who have access or use to non-city car parking associated with council buildings.

2. How many of these are in the Car Park on Woodhouse Lane?

Of the 548 city centre permits 472 are in Woodhouse Lane. 76 are in other surface car parks.

3. What is the cost of this to the council tax payers of Leeds in terms of lost revenue and an effective subsidy to staff?

There is no cost to the rate payers in terms of lost revenue. The permits are paid for by the operational departments on a needs basis and Woodhouse Lane multi storey car park is not yet operating at full capacity through out the year. Other surface car parks associated with council buildings and leases are not public paying car parks. The current cost of parking at Woodhouse Lane car park is £7.50 a day. Staff who have permits do not pay this charge.

We are currently reviewing the arrangements for car park permit allocation and charging for staff parking within the city centre.

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

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

Freepost RLZR-ELTX-RUEH
Leeds City Council
PO Box 657
LS1 9BS

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Leeds City Council.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Burns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'B'.

Paul Burns
Freedom of Information & Data Protection Officer