

Corporate Directorate



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Please reply to: The Babergh Office

Date 14th January 2015

Dear Ms Bloomfield

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

I am writing to confirm that the Authority has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 1st January 2015 – you asked:

I am contacting you to request the following information regarding stray dogs.

1, Do you sanction the act of your dog warden/s (or any person contracted to deal with stray dogs) to collect unwanted dogs from the owners property (hand overs) as opposed to when they are actually in the act of straying?

2, What was the cost of everything that covers dealing with stray dogs for the financial year 2013 or (2013/2014)?

3, How much will the budget be for 2015? (or 2014/2015)?

4, Is the service contracted out and how long is the contract?

Our reply:

1, Do you sanction the act of your dog warden/s (or any person contracted to deal with stray dogs) to collect unwanted dogs from the owners property (hand overs) as opposed to when they are actually in the act of straying? **Yes**

2, What was the cost of everything that covers dealing with stray dogs for the financial year 2013 or (2013/2014)?

Babergh DC: £5017.94.

Mid Suffolk DC: £7126.51.

3, How much will the budget be for 2015? (or 2014/2015)? **No dedicated budget set - is part of general budget for the Environmental Protection service.**

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4, Is the service contracted out and how long is the contract? Collection and kennelling of dogs is contracted. **Contract ends 30th September 2015.**

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Authority. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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