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Dear Ms Archer,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your request made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please find below a response on behalf of East Ayrshire Council.

You requested:

1) What was the maximum amount the council budget allowed to be paid out in the form of a 'leaving care grant' (sometimes also called a setting up home allowance) in the 2022-2023 financial year?

During 2022 – 2023 the tenancy set up amount was £3,000. In April 2023 this was increased to £3,500.

2) How many young people left the care of your council on or after their 16th birthday in the 2022-2023 financial year?

We are currently working on confirming the figures and we'll provide these as soon as we are able.

3) How many of these young people received a leaving care grant?

All, where moving on to their own tenancy.

4) What was the average amount (both mean and median) paid out to care leavers in a leaving care grant in the 2022-2023 financial year?

5) What was the lowest amount paid out to a care leaver in a leaving care grant in the 2022-2022 financial year?

6) What was the highest amount paid out to a care leaver in a 'leaving care grant' in the 2022-2023 financial year?

All received the same amount - £3,000.

This response is being provided under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this decision or the way in which your request has been handled, you are entitled to require the Council to review its decision. A copy of the Council's review procedures are attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

Francis Lannie

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Reviews and Appeals

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Any applicant who is dissatisfied with the way that East Ayrshire Council has dealt with a request for information is entitled to require the Council to review its decision.

STAGE 1

Any applicant, who is unhappy with a decision of the Council, should write to the Council requesting a review. A request for a review must be made no later than 40 working days following the expiry of the period for responding to a request for information. You should send your request to:

Freedom of Information
East Ayrshire Council
London Road
Kilmarnock
Tel: 01563 554400
email: freedomofinformation@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Your request must include your name and address, details of your initial request for information and why you are dissatisfied.

The Council will comply promptly with the request for a review and in any event by no later than the 20th working day after receipt of the request. At this stage the applicant will be advised of the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

STAGE 2

If an applicant is still unhappy following Stage 1, the applicant may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. Such appeals should be made within 6 months following the outcome of Stage 1 above, either:

Online at: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Or in writing to:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St. Andrews
FIFE
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01334 464610
Fax: 01334 464511
email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

An appeal on a point of law against a decision may be made to the Court of Session.