

Bodmin Town Council



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Dear Mr Kerridge,

Please find below responses to your Freedom of Information request via emails dated 20th and 21st February 2021.

- 1. One of your councillors has told me they have both left the organisation. One sacked and the other resigning before being sacked. Please tell me the cost of this to Bodmin Town Council. This should include salary, on costs and settlements with staff. Also including the cost of any advice, you may have received in connection with this**

BTC response: Total costs in respect of salaries and wages can be viewed on Bodmin Town Council website under documents and finance. Bodmin Town Council employ a Human Resources organisation for the purpose of holistic service provision and related costs of the service can be found on the BTC website as described above. Personal individual information is exempt under section 40(2), by way of section 40(3A) (a).

- 2. Are there any potential further costs to the council? e.g., employment tribunals or pay offs still being negotiated or the cost of any advice**

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- 3. Was the departure of these staff for the reasons outlined in a report to Council in 2019? Notably a lack of respect from senior councillors?**

BTC response: Your reference to "a report to Council 2019" the identity of any such report is not detailed within your question, therefore, the Council is unable to respond to question 3.

Please say whether the council is in a dispute with Bodmin Jail.

The Town Council is in dispute with Mallino Developments Limited (Mallino), which is part of the group of companies behind the redevelopment of Bodmin Jail a visitor attraction and hotel.

Please identify the substance of the dispute

The dispute relates to an agreement for lease between the Town Council and Mallino in respect of land owned by the Town Council at Berrycombe Vale (the Land). In summary, as part of the agreement to grant to Mallino a lease of the Land, Mallino was required to (1) construct a car park and (2) undertake works to replace the town leat that runs under the Land. The position of the Town Council is that Mallino has failed to comply with its obligations under the agreement and that it has failed to undertake all of the works required to replace the town leat.

How much has the council spent on legal fees and other costs?

BTC response-payments schedules including legal fees can be found on the BTC website under documents and finance

Is the dispute resolved or ongoing?

The dispute is ongoing

Yours sincerely

For and on behalf of Bodmin Town Council