

Enquiry Number: IR3742

Request:

Please provide the following information:

Charity "Common Purpose"; meaning the training organisation of that name:
<http://www.commonpurpose.org/home.aspx>

On a yearly basis from 2000 up to and including 2017 , unless of course money was paid to Common Purpose from an earlier period, in which case please include information from the earlier period.

1. Name all Elected Councillors who have attended any Common Purpose course.
2. Name all employees who have attended any Common Purpose course.
3. How much money has been paid to this organisation?
4. Please provide copies of invoices/receipts.

Response:

Charity "Common Purpose"; meaning the training organisation of that name:
<http://www.commonpurpose.org/home.aspx>

Following a search of our paper and electronic records I can confirm we have payments made to a supplier called "Common Purpose" and "Common Purpose UK". However we cannot confirm if this is the same supplier as the website you have listed. The invoices we paid were for training programs, and the charitable trust number on the invoices is 1023384 which is listed on the above website but the company number may be different.

On a yearly basis from 2000 up to and including 2017 , unless of course money was paid to Common Purpose from an earlier period, in which case please include information from the earlier period.

- 1. Name all Elected Councillors who have attended any Common Purpose course.** None received training.
- 2. Name all employees who have attended any Common Purpose course.** Three officers received training. However providing the names of those individuals would be to reveal they have received training, this is their personal data and exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act.
- 3. How much money has been paid to this organisation?** £4,680 excluding VAT. £2,680 in 2006 and £2,000 in 2007.

If you wish to receive further information in regards to this request or wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request please forward your request to foi@gravesham.gov.uk or FOI Officer, Gravesham Borough Council, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 & Environmental Information Regs. 2004

4. Please provide copies of invoices/receipts. Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) states:

General right of access to information held by public authorities.

- (1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
- (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
 - (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

The FOIA obliges a public authority to provide information contained within documents, however, it does not oblige it to provide the document itself. If you would like to clarify what information you are seeking from invoices held by this authority then we will be able to access this part of your request again.

I trust this information is to your satisfaction, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Information Governance Officer, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU., or email freedom@gravesham.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you wish to receive further information in regards to this request or wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request please forward your request to foi@gravesham.gov.uk or FOI Officer, Gravesham Borough Council, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU.