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Ask for: Information
Governance

Your ref :

Our ref: FOI/ E18179

Date: 21.03.2014

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Dear Mr Haughton,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Request for Information: Information Provided
Please quote our reference: E18179
Subject: NCRL payments

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We trust that the information provided is satisfactory. You are free to use the information for your personal use only. Any other type of re-use, for example, publishing the information or issuing copies to the public will require permission of the copyright owner. If the Council is the copyright owner, a licence can be applied for under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005.

For future reference we publish information on our website, including the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and summary of Freedom of Information requests and responses that may be of help to you in searching for information. Our website is mentioned above.

It is important to note that under the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 the Council asks not to receive unsolicited marketing communication.

Request

Please give me a list of all those who authorised payments to Newham Community Recycling Ltd in the past 48 months.

Response

Our computerised Finance system does not record the named authorising officer of payments issued but works by service authorising code. Therefore it is not possible to compile a report on the level of detail of information you have requested in relation to the officers authorising the individual payments made to Newham Community Recycling Limited in the given period.

In order to retrieve this information an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of the individual payments made in the requested timeframe and sort through the paper invoices or authorising notifications for payment, either in hard copy or through scanned correspondence on an alternative computer system. A reconciliation of payments as recorded on the Finance system and manual review of invoices or payment orders between two systems and paper hard copies, would be required to retrieve, confirm and manual compile a list of officers authorising the requested payments. This manual retrieval exercise would exceed the appropriate limit.

Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.

12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 2000 or email us at information.governance@newham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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