

Request:

Dear North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council,

1. Did the Council obtain any external legal advice on how to set up NNT Law? If so, please provide the name of the law firm/ barrister and the total cost of the advice.

The Council did not obtain any external legal advice.

NNT Law was not a separate entity to the Council; it was a name that represented joint working with another local authority legal team to offer legal advice to the public sector and third sector. NNT Law did not undertake any joint work and was brought to an end in January 2015.

2. How many Council staff have worked for NNT Law?

Zero. Authority staff did not undertake work for NNT Law. See response to Question 1.

3. What is the total number of Council staff hours billed by NNT Law?

Zero hours. See response to Question 1.

4. What is the total sum paid by NNT Law back to the Council since it started trading?

Zero. See response to Question 1.

5. What is the total sum paid to the Council in rent by NNT law since it started trading? This figure should cover rent of office space, equipment and use of trademarks etc.

Zero. See response to Question 1.

6. Please provide a copy of any legal agreements signed between the Council and NNT Law.

There are no legal agreements between the Authority and NNT Law. See response to Question 1.

7. How much has NNT Law charged the council since it started trading?

Zero. See response to Question 1.

8. How many clients has NNT Law had since it started trading?

Zero. See response to Question 1.