

Jenna Corderoy

What do they know

Legal Services

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This matter is being dealt with by:

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Our reference: JW/FOI/5317

Date: 24th July 2017

Dear Ms Corderoy

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 17th July 2017.

I have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and Rossendale Borough Council's response is as follows:-

Your Request

From 01 January 2016 to the day this request is processed, I would like to know the number of overseas trips council officials have taken in the course of conducting council business.

For each overseas trip, please provide the following information:

1. The date and duration of the overseas trip, as well as the country/city that was visited

Answer:

Overseas trip was Thursday 18th May 2017 to Monday 22nd May 2017.
The overseas trip was to Bocholt, Germany.

2. The full name, title and position of the council official who went on the overseas trip

Answer:

In reference to Council Officials please see the below details:

- Stuart Sugarman- Chief Executive

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- The Mayor
- 2 Councillors

3. The reason or reasons why the council official went on the overseas trip

Answer:

To promote and develop Rossendale's town twinning relationship.

4. The cost of the overseas trip (please provide a breakdown of travel costs, accommodation costs and expenses)

Answer:

Flights: £836.05

Airport Transport: £120.00

Accommodation: £0

Expenses: £0

Total Cost: 956.05

5. Please state whether the council met the costs of the overseas trip, or whether an individual, group, company, consortium, charity or another organisation met the costs.

Answer:

Rossendale Council met the flight and transport costs of the overseas trip. Hosts met the cost of accommodation, food, and activities.

6. Please provide the full name of the individual, group, company, charity or organisation that met the costs. If it is a group or consortium, please state who or what composes the group or consortium.

Answer:

Bocholt Town Council met the cost of accommodation, food, and activities.

Right to Review

If you are unhappy with this response, you can request a review by writing to Mrs Clare Birtwistle, Legal Services Manager, Rossendale Borough Council, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB, or email, clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk

If you remain dissatisfied you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,



Abigail Wrench
Legal Officer

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