

**Date:** 05 April 2019

Mr Charles Oakes  
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Dear Mr Oakes

*FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST*

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately we are unable to process your request for information. This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate limit' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In accordance with s.17 of the Act this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

Unfortunately your request is refused under Section 12(1) of the FOIA. Section 12(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. The appropriate limit in the Act equates to 18 hours of work.

In relation to the breakdown of income and expenditure for 2015/16, 2016/17 & 2017/18, a manual trawl of financial records is required to categorise items to meet the criteria set out in your request. Income and expenditure records contain 5,200 entries per year. This would equate to 5,200 x 3 years = 15,600 entries, which at 30 seconds to check each entry would equate to 7,800 minutes which is 130 hours of work."

You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the cost to within the appropriate limit. For example, agreeing to a shorter time period or reducing the number of questions in your request. Please contact me if you would like advice on how to do this.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request you may ask for an internal review and you should submit this in writing to: FOI Internal Review, Blackpool Council, PO Box 4, Blackpool, FY1 1NA. Your request for internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. You can contact the Information Commissioner at:

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**Contact**  
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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF,  
([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)).

If you have any queries about this letter you can contact me, or write to: FOI, PO Box 4, Blackpool, FY1 1NA, or email us at [FOI@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@blackpool.gov.uk). Please remember to quote your reference number when you contact us.

Yours sincerely

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