



South Tyneside Council

Date: 14th June 2019
Our Ref: FOI 19 19507

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Dear Mr Marshall

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 29th April 2019. I apologise for the delay in providing the information.

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

Please provide me with records of all money which has been awarded or given in any form to the Trade Union Unison. This organisation may also be found under pseudonym "Unison Northern".

Please provide these records in the following form:

- A) A total, all-time figure of how much money has been provided to the organisation; and
- B) An annual breakdown of this all-time figure, detailing:
 - the nature of the money provided, i.e. grant, loan .etc, and for which purposes the money was provided by the Council; and
 - the annual sum of money provided in relation to the nature above; and
 - the department or individual responsible inside the Council for signing off this money; and
 - the point of contact in Unison for both communicating and receiving this money;

In addition, please provide the following information relating to this organisation:

- A) Any communication received by the council offices or affiliates from this organisation;
- B) Any communication sent to this organisation by the council its office or affiliates;
- C) Any training delivered by this organisation to your employees, affiliates or other council entities or via your community projects or in any form whatsoever;

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Westoe Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE33 2RL

Council's Response

A) A total, all-time figure of how much money has been provided to the organisation;

B) An annual breakdown of this all-time figure, detailing:

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- the annual sum of money provided in relation to the nature above; and
- the department or individual responsible inside the Council for signing off this money; and
- the point of contact in Unison for both communicating and receiving this money;

The Council does hold the information that falls within the description of your request; however we have decided to refuse your request under the section 40 exemption under the act which covers personal information as the numbers are too low to disclose this information and the Council feels this could potentially identify individuals.

A) Any communication received by the council offices or affiliates from this organisation;

The Council does hold correspondence with the Union in relation to HR employee matters and this is not disclosable.

B) Any communication sent to this organisation by the council its office or affiliates;
As above.

C) Any training delivered by this organisation to your employees, affiliates or other council entities or via your community projects or in any form whatsoever;
None delivered.

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Internal Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this enquiry you can invoke the Council's internal review procedures to ask for an independent review of your request. All such requests must be sent to us within 4 weeks and must clearly state in writing your reference number and your reasons for your request for internal review.

The Information Governance Team can be contacted at the following address:
Information Governance Team, Town Hall and Civic Buildings, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review process you can write to the Information Commissioner to ask for an independent review. The Information Commissioner is the Government's Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please do note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the Council's internal review procedures. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the Council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal.

The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk

If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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