

To; A Linnie
c/o;
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Date: 15 June 2018

Sent by email

Dear Mr Linnie

Freedom of Information request 9046697

I refer to your mail requesting an Internal Review of the response you received to your Freedom of Information request.

You were unhappy that the original response did not cover much of the information that you had asked for. I have been in touch with the team that provided the initial response and have been able to add to what they originally sent.

There was some misunderstanding about what exactly you were asking for and I have asked staff that should there be a lack of clarity in future they should always contact the person requesting the information so that they can get a correct response sent out the first time of replying.

I apologise to you for any inconvenience that you have been caused and present here a revised response to your Freedom of Information request:

1. Total fees paid to Winckworth Sherwood Solicitors in each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. These are in relation to property purchases and also other matters.

(see table on next page)

Year	Brent Housing Partnership	Council	*I4B/First Wave Housing	Totals
2014		£00.0		£00.0
2015		£00.0		£00.0
2016	£35,767	£13,041		£48,808
2017		£71,235	£104,217	£175,452
2018			£4,500	£4,500
Total	£35,767	£84,276	£108,717	£228,760

*Investing for Brent Holdings Limited (I4B) and First Wave Housing are Council's wholly owned subsidiary companies.

2. In each year, please provide a breakdown of what the funds were paid in relation to. For instance, 'in 20XX, £X was paid across that period for conveyancing, while £Y was paid for managing education payroll services', etc.

Payments are in respect of conveyancing or other legal matters in relation to property or subsidiary company matters.

3. In the case of funds paid in the process of being distributed to third parties, for example payroll services, please provide figures both for the amount paid to Winckworth Sherwood and the amount eventually received by the third party. For instance, if salaries were being paid to staff via Winckworth Sherwood, 'in 20XX £X was paid for education payroll services, £Y being the total amount received by the employees concerned', or if the fees paid were in relation to the purchase of a property, 'in 20XX £X was paid for the purchase of Y property, including the price agreed for the property of £A and stamp duty of £B'.

Year	Purchase Price (paid to 3 rd party)	Approx. SDLT	Approx. legal fee to Winckworth	Total payment
2016	£6,691,750	£368,184	£13,000	7,072,934
2017	£34,207,337	£1,770,714	£80,850	36,058,901
2018	£9,742,600	£551,918	£4,500	10,299,018
Total	£50,641,687	£2,690,816	£98,350	£53,430,853

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

Phone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully



**Irene Bremang, Head of Performance and Improvement – Brent
For London Borough of Brent**