

FOI number: HBC_FOI_20200041
Date FOI Received: 17/01/2020
Department: Legal
Title: Income from Training
Description: Undeclared and declared income received by Cllr Morris Bright from the conservative party.

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Dear Hertsmere Borough Council,

Please send to the council's statutory officers Harvey Patterson and Sajida Bijle to provide copies of the details of the income received by Cllr Morris Bright for providing training to the Conservative Party from the Local Government Association at Elstree Film Studios and any copies of correspondence from the councils statutory officers to Cllr Bright and or related parties in relation to this e.g. the Conservative Party of the Local Government Association, the Chief Executive of the Local Government Association and any other, correspondence between the councils statutory officers and to third parties including elected members and the Managing Director of the Elstree Film Studios on declared and undeclared income received by Cllr Morris Bright including the dates of any income declarations made and their amounts.

Yours faithfully,

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

Details of Income Received by Councillor Morris Bright for providing training to the Conservative Party from the Local Government Association at Elstree Film Studios

The Council holds no recorded information relevant to your request.

Copies of correspondence from the councils statutory officers to Cllr Bright and or related parties in relation to this e.g. the Conservative Party of the Local Government Association, the Chief Executive of the Local Government Association and any other, correspondence between the councils statutory officers and to third parties including elected members and the Managing Director of the Elstree Film Studios on declared and undeclared income received by Cllr Morris Bright including the dates of any income declarations made and their amounts.

The Council hold recorded information relevant to your request but declines to communicate that information to you. I am therefore required to inform you of the exemption(s) upon which the Council relies to withhold such information

Relevant Exemptions:

Section 41 Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information Received in Confidence

Some of the information held by the Council relevant to your request was received by the Council in confidence and will not be communicated to you for that reason. Section 41 of the 2000 Act is an absolute exemption meaning that the Council does not have to apply a public interest test in deciding to rely on the exemption to withhold information.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information reasonably accessible to the requestor by other means

Some of the information held by the Council relevant to your request has already been published and is viewable on the disclosure log on the Council's web site – click on the link below:-

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Freedom-Of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

Section 21 of the 2000 Act provides that the Council can decline to supply information which is reasonably accessible to a requestor by other means - such as when the relevant information can be viewed on the Council's web site.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

Information Commissioner

The Information Commissioner oversees the application of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You may contact the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545700
Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services