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Our ref: 204_1920

Dyddiad/Date: 26/11/2019

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: 204_1920 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

We write to ask for provision of the following information under a FOI request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We would request the information for the tax years April 2016/17, April 2017/18 and April 2018/19.

Please find answers to your questions below.

1. The total amount of the costs of running the internal legal function/department of the local authority. To include both contentious and non-contentious work.

LEGAL	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1. Cost of internal provisions	43,911.60	45,340.78	47,703.86

This information is calculated by adding the sum of the salaries of the Legal team and the sum of the legal team's revenue budget spend

2. The total amount of the external legal spend by the local authority. To include external law firms, external counsel and experts and external law costs draftsman, and to include both contentious and non-contentious work.



External Legal Costs	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
2. Legal costs	140,766.75	73,928.17	90,974.21
Total	140,766.75	73,928.17	90,974.21

This information is the total amount spent on Legal Consultancy

3. The total amount of costs orders made against the council/authority where they have been involved in proceedings brought by and against the local authority.

There have been no costs orders made against the authority.

4. The total amount of costs recovered by the local authority for matters where they have obtained an order for costs against a party where the local authority have brought proceedings and/or defended proceedings.

Income	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
4. Costs recovered	-35,661.36	-14,598.61	-17,937.14
Total	-35,661.36	-14,598.61	-17,937.14

This includes costs recovered via Legal reimbursement, Salary reimbursement and Legal Fees & Charges.

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are dissatisfied with the way that your information request has been handled, you can request an internal review by writing to:

Information Governance and Compliance Manager
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Forest View Business Park
Llantrisant
CF72 8LX

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

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If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office-Wales,
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff,
CF10 2HH.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

Information Governance and Compliance Team

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