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Address Correspondence to:

10 December 2018

, Information Management

Dear,

Date

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 24/07/2018.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. All costs associated with the Police and Crime Commissioners expenses.
- 2. All costs associated with the Police and Crime Commissioners spending on Travel and meals.
- 3. All costs associated with the employment of Political Advisers.
- 4. All financial detail of spending reserves.
- 5. All information, including spending and detail of training days for PCC staff.
- 6. All information relating to the detail and cost of policing individual events.
- 7. All costs related to PCC inauguration events.
- 8. Full detail on the PCC's calendar of meetings and events.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire to locate information relevant to your request.

## Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire can confirm the below in relation to your request:

1. The details of the Police and Crime Commissioner's expenses are contained on the website at the following link:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire



https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Finance/Staff-Expenses/Staff-Expenses-2018.aspx

From the information on the website the following reclaim of expenses can be calculated.

	Total Mileage claimed	Other expenses	Total expenses claimed
Grand totals	(£.pp)	(£.pp)	(£.pp)
2016-17 (from May 2016)	882.45	158.60	1,041.05
2017-18	1,043.15	152.20	1,195.35
2018-19 (to August			
2018)	582.75	219.60	802.35
	2,508.35	530.40	3,038.75

It should be noted that these costs relate to the current Police and Crime Commissioner, Lord Willy Bach, and therefore run from June 2016 to August 2018. As a result the only full financial year is 2017-18.

2. The following costs were incurred on train travel for Lord Willy Bach in addition to the travel costs incurred in the previous table:

Grand totals	Total Rail Costs (£.pp)
2016-17	770.10
2017-18	794.55
2018-19 (to date)	250.25
	1,814.90

There were no further costs incurred on meals.

- 3. The Commissioner does not employ any political advisers.
- 4. There are three types of spending reserves.

The **General Fund** is to cover emergencies and unexpected expenditure that cannot be funded from other resources. It is often referred to as the 'contingency of last resort' and should be kept at a sufficient level to deal with unexpected costs.

Revenue earmarked reserves are set aside for specific projects or purposes

**Capital Reserves** can only be used to cover capital expenditure and cannot be used on revenue items.



The table below summarises the amounts held in each of these types of reserve at the beginning of the financial year (2017-18) and at the end of the year. It shows how much of these reserves have been spent throughout the year.

	Balance 31 March		Use of reserves in the	Balance 31 March	
	2017	(£m)	year	2018	(£m)
General Fund Balances		6.0	0.0		6.0
Revenue Earmarked					
Reserves		23.8	-2.1		21.6
Capital Reserves		0.6	0.1		0.8
Total Reserves		30.4	-2.0		28.4

The statement of accounts for 2017-18 can be found at the following link:

https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/DOCUMENT-LIBRARY/Planning-and-Money/Finance/Annual-Accounts/2017-2018/OPCC-Goup-Statement-of-Accounts-2017-18-Signed.pdf

Note 25 which is on page 45 of the accounts details all of the Revenue Earmarked Reserves and how they have been used throughout the year.

Note 28 on page 54 provides more detail on the Capital Reserve

5. The amounts spent on training for staff working in the Commissioner's office over the last three financial years are as follows:

Grand totals	Total Training Costs (£.pp)
2016-17	3,334.50
2017-18	195.00
2018-19 (to date)	612.50
	4,142.00

- 6. The Office of Police and Crime Commissioner do not hold information on the costs of policing individual events. Leicestershire Police hold this information.
- 7. The PCC did not hold an inauguration event.
- 8. Please see attached spreadsheet.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.



Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

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