Further to your Information request FOI64487 please find your questions and our responses below:

"These questions are for the Academic year 2011/12 i.e September 2011 until July/August 2012. Figures to include all schools where the appeals are administered by the LA or their contractor.

1. How many admissions appeals were lodged?

Response: 320

2. How many admission appeals were withdrawn by the parent after being lodged?

Response: Withdrawn/settled = 129

3. How many Class Size Legislation appeals were lodged?

Response: We don’t split by class size and non class size – see above total figure

4. How many class size legislation appeals were withdrawn?

Response: We don’t split by class size and non class size – see above total figure

5. How many non class size legislation appeals were successful?

Response: 58 in total were successful (we don’t split by class size and non class size)

6. How many class size legislation appeal appeals were successful?

Response: see above

7. Which department organises your appeals or do you use an outside contractor?

Response: Democratic Services

8. If in house, are your clerks that actually clerk the appeals full time employees or employed on a sessional basis?

Response: Full-time Democratic Services Officers

9. If sessional, are they paid hourly or by the appeal?

Response: N/A

10. If sessional, what is the hourly rate or the amount paid per appeal?
Response: N/A

11. If sessional, are your clerks entitled to holiday pay or able to join the regular local government pension?
Response: N/A

12. How many staff are engaged on admin duties connected with appeals?
Response: 2

13. Assuming staff work on other roles, how many FT posts would this equate too (eg 0.5 of a post)
Response: 1

14. What is the total cost of clerking appeals including other admin roles and any on costs paid against the budget?
Response: I have been advised we do not hold this information in the format requested.

15. Do you charge Voluntary Aid and Controlled schools for appeals, if yes, what rate do you charge?
Response: We do not charge Voluntary Aided or Controlled School for appeals. Voluntary Aided schools manage their own appeals, we manage the appeals for Voluntary Controlled Schools.

16. How much do you charge Academies for appeals?
Response: £150 for appeals heard, £75 for appeals lodged but settled or withdrawn in advance of the hearing. There is also an additional charge of £75 for preparation of the appeal (statements, maps etc)

17. How many panel members are on your list of suitable panel members
Response: 34

18. Did you organise admissions training in the academic year. If yes, what was the cost of training those panel members?
Response: £886.68

19. Was the training offered in house or an outside contractor?
Response: Outside contractor

This concludes your request FOI64487.

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