Dear Sirs

I am writing on behalf of Chris Daniels to respond to your information request.

This is a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The relevant exemption is:

12 (1) Where costs exceed the appropriate limit.

(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The Fees Regulations state that this cost limit is £600 for central government and £450 for all other public authorities. Such costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person for all authorities regardless of the actual cost or rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if these activities exceed 18 hours.

This concludes your request.

If you are dissatisfied in any way you may complain to Martin Tubbs, Information Management Team Manager by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or write to the address below.

Once you have exhausted the complaints procedure you may appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Regards

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Original Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on trips abroad by councillors and senior council officers over the last five years. Specifically:

1a) How many trips abroad were taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12?

b) The same for 2010/11
c) The same for 2009/10
d) The same for 2008/09
e) The same for 2007/08

2a) What was the total cost of all trips abroad taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12?
b) The same for 2010/11
c) The same for 2009/10
d) The same for 2008/09
e) The same for 2007/08

3a) For each trip in 2011/12 please provide a breakdown listing the destination, name of the councillors or senior council officers who embarked on the trip, cost of the individual trip, who paid for the trip, duration of the trip, the purpose of the trip, the mode of transportation, what class of travel they took (ie Business Class/First Class/Economy etc), the name of hotel(s) stayed at, and cost of hotel accommodation.
b) The same for 2010/11
c) The same for 2009/10
d) The same for 2008/09
e) The same for 2007/08