Further to your Information request FOI64759 please find your questions and our responses below:

**FOI64759**

1. The council policy or constitution regarding what legal action council funds can be used to pursue. I would expect this to cover details such as who the claimants can be, any limits on funding, whose agreement is needed before action can commence and so on. Please also tell me when the policy was put in place.

**Response:** The Constitution, which is available on the RBWM website, sets out the authority in Part 1 B. The date this was updated is printed on the bottom of the page. Please follow the link below:

http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/members_constitution.htm

2. How much has the council spent on legal fees in each of the financial years 2012/13 (to the end of January 2013), 2011/12 and 2010/11?

**Response:**

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3. Of these totals, how much has the council spent on legal fees in cases involving alleged libel, slander or other defamation against the council or individual members of staff or officers of the council?

**Response:** Nil.

4. How many of these cases were there in each year?

**Response:** Nil.

5. Who was allegedly defamed, and how much was spent in each case?
Response: NA.

This concludes your request FOI64759.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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