Further to your Information request FOI67522 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. How many times have the Royal Borough used the company South East Employers for investigations on behalf of the borough in the past 3 years?

2. I would like the numbers and type of investigations undertaken

3. I would like to know the outcome of the investigations in respect of whether they found in the council's favour or otherwise

4. I would like to know how much money has been paid to South East Employers over this period

5. I would like to know if any other companies have been used for what type of investigation, whether they found in favour of the council or otherwise and how much money has been spent over the past 3 years

Response

Q1. Please contact South East Employers directly.

Q2-5. This is a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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.

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

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or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

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We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

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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