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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

Dear Tamworth Borough Council

Please can you provide me with a complete breakdown of all income and expenses relating to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing department over the last 4 years.

Breakdown to include (but not limited to)

Income from private hire vehicle plate

Income from private hire driver badge

Income from hackney carriage vehicle plate

Income from hackney carriage driver badge

Income from Drivers duel badge

Income from operators

Income from all private hire and hackney tests

Income from all operator tests

Breakdown of any other form of income.

How many staff do you have in the licensing department

How may hours per day/week/annually spent on issuing Taxi/Private Hire licences.

What percentage does this equate to of all staff in the licensing Dept.

Wages costs

Breakdown of equipment costs (plates / badges etc)

Software costs. Purchasing and any annual licensing.

Direct and indirect costs.

How you have applied the cost to each licence

Could you also provide the total number of private hire drivers, hackney carriage drivers, private hire vehicles, hackney carriage vehicles for the last 4 years.

In the last 4 years how many times have these accounts been reviewed by the full council or the appropriate committee.

The response to your request as follows:

Please find link to Budget books and reports which cover the last 9 years and will cover budgets for areas of taxi licensing.

<http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/budget-book-and-reports>

We have one member of staff whose role relates to Taxi Licensing – although this role is not exclusive to taxis.

Percentage of time spent on taxis – 85%

Breakdown of equipment costs (plates / badges etc) - see our fees and charges

http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/licensing_docs/Fees%202016%20-%202017.pdf

Numbers of currently licenced as of 06/12/16

LVH1 – Hackney Carriage Vehicles – 123

LVP1 – Private Hire Vehicles – 97

LVD1 – Private Hire/Hacknery Carriage Drivers – 227

LVO1 – Operators – 7

Routine budget monitoring is undertaken which covers all revenue and capital budgets, and is reported to Cabinet on a quarterly basis, or as part of the annual Statement of Accounts process, which pulls together the final accounts for the whole Council General Fund, HRA and collection fund, and is reported to Council annually.

Further information can be found on our website at <http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/budgets>

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

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