

Reference: FOI-368

Request:

- 1. Can you please advise the total cost of the elected Mayor, this should include salary, expenses and any other associated costs.
- 2. When the Mayor was last elected what was the percentage of those people that voted.
- 3. Can you please advise the role and duties that the Mayor fulfils.
- 4. What is the difference in duties of the Mayor against the Chief Executive.
- 5. What is the cost of the Mayors office, including the salaries of staffing etc.
- 6. Can you please advise the details of the civic car, type, make, model, when it was purchased, how much it cost to purchase, yearly running costs (please itemise such as tax, insurance, fuel etc), and current value, if not purchased and leased then the monthly leasing costs in total including any other associated costs such as tax, fuel and insurance.
- 7. Can you please advise who has the use of the civic car and what it is used for.
- 8. Does the civic car has a permanent driver and if so what are the costs for the driver such as salary etc, if not how is the role of driver staffed.

Response:

- 1. The Elected Mayor receives an allowance of £68,499 per annum. On-costs (national insurance) are £8,808 per annum. No expenses have been claimed by the Elected Mayor in the current financial year. Question 5 below sets out the cost of the Elected Mayor's office in total.
- 2. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means. The reason for this is that this information is published on the North Tyneside website here Mayoral election results | North Tyneside Council
- 3. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means.

The reason for this is that the directly Elected Mayor fulfils the role set out in Section 39 of the Local Government Act 2000

The main duties of the role are described on the North Tyneside website here About the Elected Mayor | North Tyneside Council

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- 4. The Chief Executive's Job Description is attached. The role and duties of the Elected Mayor have been provided in answer to question 3.
- 5. The total forecast expenditure of the Mayor's Office for 2022/23 (including the Mayor's Allowance and on-costs set out at (1) above) is £229k.
- 6. Please see document attached.
- 7. The primary use of the civic car is to transport the Chair and Deputy Chair of North Tyneside Council to a schedule of civic events at which North Tyneside Council should be represented (e.g. Armistice Day Service and Remembrance Sunday) plus other civic events which might arise throughout the year. It is occasionally used by the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend regional meetings at which North Tyneside Council must be represented.
- 8. The Authority has two casual drivers on a rota. They are paid per event serviced; they do not receive a set annual salary.

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