



Reference: FOI1165

Request:

Please provide me with records of all money which has been awarded or given in any form to the Trade Union Unison. This organisation may also be found under pseudonym "Unison Northern".

Please provide these records in the following form:

- A) A total, all-time figure of how much money has been provided to the organisation; and
- B) An annual breakdown of this all-time figure, detailing:
 - the nature of the money provided, i.e. grant, loan .etc, and for which purposes the money was provided by the Council; and
 - the annual sum of money provided in relation to the nature above; and
 - the department or individual responsible inside the Council for signing off this money; and
 - the point of contact in Unison for both communicating and receiving this money;

In addition, please provide the following information relating to this organisation:

- A) Any communication received by the council offices or affiliates from this organisation;
- B) Any communication sent to this organisation by the council its office or affiliates;
- C) Any training delivered by this organisation to your employees, affiliates or other council entities or via your community projects or in any form whatsoever;

Response:

We have reviewed your request and are unable to provide the information to you because to do so would exceed the fees limit as set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under section 12 of the FOIA the council is not obliged to comply with a request for information where the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit.

The scale of work required to satisfy your request, which is broad ranging in its scope, would exceed the fees limit.

Where information is held, it is held across a wide range of the council's service areas and it is not held in a format which would allow us to run a report to show the required information.

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This means we would need to review many different recording systems across the majority of the council's service areas.

We consider this task would exceed the appropriate limit. This limit is £450 / 18 hours as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

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