

Our Ref FOI 5978508

13 February 2017

Sent by email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the Act”)**

Thank you for your email received on 16 January 2017 requesting that the following information be provided to you:

“I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding road closures and filming in Glasgow.

Specifically I would like to know:

1. Details of all road closures to allow filming of any description in Glasgow council area in each of the past five years. For each case please provide details of the date, the streets closed, the duration and the filming that took place.
2. Details of all payments received by Glasgow city council for permission to film in the council area in each of the past five years. For each case please provide details who how much was paid, the date and who the payment was made by (eg film company).”

Glasgow City Council (“the Council”) is treating your request as a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Taking each part of your request in turn, the Council can respond as follows:

**1. Details of all road closures to allow filming of any description in Glasgow council area in each of the past five years. For each case please provide details of the date, the streets closed, the duration and the filming that took place.**

Please find attached the Temporary Traffic Road Orders (TTRO’s) that the Council holds relating to filming closures. Names and contact details of officers below grade 9 have been redacted from these documents as this information is covered by an exemption or exemptions contained within the Act. We are required to explain why we believe this to be the case.

We are unable to provide you with information regarding members of staff who are below Grade 9, as this information is, in our opinion, exempt from a request under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 because of the exemption contained in section 38(1)(b) of the Act. In other words, in our opinion disclosure of the information would involve disclosing personal data as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended), and that such disclosure would

breach the Data Protection Principles contained in Schedule 1 Part I of that Act. This information includes personal data relating to staff on lower grades and who would not have any expectation that their details would be released in response to an FOI request. We accordingly consider that this would be unfair to the members of staff in question and that disclosure would therefore breach the first data protection principle.

Please note that some of the information requested has been removed from our system as per the Council's document retention policy. In accordance with Section 17 of the Act we would advise you that information for the full five years is not held by the Council. Neither does anyone else hold it on our behalf.

Accordingly we are unable to comply with this part of your request in full.

**2. Details of all payments received by Glasgow city council for permission to film in the council area in each of the past five years.**

**For each case please provide details who how much was paid, the date and who the payment was made by (eg film company)**

Details of all payments received are, in our opinion, exempt from a request under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 because of the exemption contained in section 33(1)(b) of the Act. In other words, in our opinion disclosure of the information would, or would be likely to, substantially prejudice the commercial interests of the Council and their client(s). This is because the information you have requested consists of sensitive pricing policies which are unique to each occasion, charges depend on the legislation applied for each road closure.

While we believe the exemption contained in section 33(1)(b) applies in this case, we would still be obliged to release the information in response to your request unless the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Glasgow City Council acknowledges the significant public interest in openness and transparency and therefore recognises that any request under section 1 of the Act is potentially in the public interest. However, in dealing your request we have taken into consideration whether the public interest is best served by disclosing or withholding the information. In conclusion we are not aware of any particular public interest in the subject matter of your inquiry which would affect this balancing exercise. In the circumstances we feel that the specific public interest in safeguarding the legitimate commercial interests of the Council/the external parties concerned outweighs the general public interest in openness and transparency, and we are not aware of any specific public interest in the particular subject matter of your request. We are therefore unable to comply with this part of your request.

However, under our duty to aid and assist we can provide you with the overall amount that the Council received per year, which includes costs towards road closures, location hire and/or traffic management fees. The details of which are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>2016/17 YTD</b>	£1,995.00	£1,995.00	
<b>2015/16</b>	£2,981.09	£2,981.09	
<b>2014/15</b>	£8,556.00	£8,166.00	<b>£390.00</b>
<b>2013/14</b>	£13,483.00	£13,483.00	
<b>2012/13</b>	£8,372.17	£8,372.17	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£35,387.26</b>	<b>£34,997.26</b>	<b>£390.00</b>

Please note that the information provided in response to your request is, unless otherwise indicated, copyright © Glasgow City Council 2017. It is supplied to you in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Any further use by you of this information must comply with the terms of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended and/or the Copyright and Rights in Databases Regulations 1997. In particular, any commercial use or re-use of the information provided requires the prior written consent of the Council.

Requests for such consent should be addressed to:

Colin Mackenzie  
Senior Communications Officer  
Glasgow City Council  
City Chambers  
Glasgow G2 1DU  
Email [Colin.MacKenzie@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Colin.MacKenzie@glasgow.gov.uk)

If you are dissatisfied with the way Glasgow City Council has dealt with your request you are entitled to require the Council to review its response. Please note that for a review to take place you must:

- Lodge a written requirement for a review within 40 working days of the date of this letter
- Include a correspondence address and a description of the original request and the reason why you are dissatisfied
- Address your request to the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council:

Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council  
Glasgow City Council  
City Chambers  
George Square  
Glasgow G2 1DU

Email: [FOIReviews@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:FOIReviews@glasgow.gov.uk)

You will receive notice of the results of the review within 20 working days of receipt of your request. The notice will state the decision reached by the reviewing officer as well as details of how to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner if you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response. You must request an internal review by the Council before a complaint can be directed to the Scottish Information Commissioner. For your information at this stage, an appeal can be made to the Scottish Information Commissioner by contacting her office as follows if you do remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the Council's review decision -

Address: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS.

Email: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

Telephone: 01334 464610

You can also use the Scottish Information Commissioner's online appeal service to make an application for a decision:

[www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal)

Please note that you cannot make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner until you have first requested an internal review by the Council.

If you wish to submit a complaint to the Council in relation to the manner in which it has handled your request for information then you can do by requesting that the

Council review its response. Details of how to request a review are set out in the above paragraph "Right of Review".

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team  
Customer & Business Services