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Dear Mr Broad

Re: Freedom of Information 2000

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

Your request for information, received on 28th March 2016 has now been considered.

You requested the following:-

I am requesting information about the new busking license in Camden, including the specific information bullet pointed below.

1. Overall costs associated with the program, split into:

1.1 One-off costs.

Please provide the costs of EACH of the following separately:

- **Legal fees spent on the judicial review**
- **and then the appeal**
- **Legal fees spent on taking Fredy Garcia and Alex Hackett to court**
- **The amount that staff time cost in setting up the license (council meetings, drafting of the legislation, public hearings and so on)**

Prosecution costs for 1) Fredy Garcia and 2) Alex Hackett

No external legal costs incurred as both prosecutions were conducted by the Council's Legal Services Section.

The Council's application for costs was £675 per case (note that request specifies legal costs - £375 and investigation costs - £300). Total legal costs applied for £750.

The Magistrates Court ordered that each Defendant to pay £100 contribution to legal costs to the Council (total £200).

Staff time costs – £17,502.41

Other costs

Costs of JR - £38,325.50



Costs of Appeal - £3171.66

We were awarded costs of £7,500 for the judicial review.

1.2 Costs of running the license.

Please provide your TOTAL estimated annual costs, year by year (2013, 2014, 2015) since the license's inception. You don't need to break the number down, but feel free to. This information may include:

- **Enforcement of the license (patrols, police officers, wardens or other forms of enforcement) Analysing the impact of the scheme**
- **Community outreach, signage, flyers and so on**
- **Processing license applications**
- **Any other costs associated with the program**

- *2013 £5915*
- *2014 £14964*
- *2015 £12380*

2. This license was supposed to be cost-neutral for Camden Council. Has it been?

No

We hope that this response is useful to you.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of the way in that your request has been processed then you have the right to request a review of our response. If you wish to request a review, please set out in writing your grounds of appeal (within 2 months of this correspondence) and send it to: **Information & Records Management Team, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9LP** and your complaint will be administered through our Internal Review procedure. You can also email your appeal to foireviews@camden.gov.uk

If you are still not satisfied following the Internal Review, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. They can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF Telephone: 01625 545 700 www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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