

FOI Response 984.862 (AG3)

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Dear Mr Fone,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to your request for information, made under the provisions of the above Act, please see below our response.

Request:

For the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 to date:

1. How much money has the council spent in total on **overseas trips** for **council staff**?
2. How much money has the council spent in total on **overseas trips** for **councillors** (elected members)?
3. If time permits, I would be grateful for a **breakdown** of spending:
 - Cost of any flights / ferries / coaches / taxis etc
 - Class of travel purchased (e.g. economy, business, first)
 - Cost of hotel stays and names of hotels
 - Cost of subsistence (e.g. restaurant bills, drinks expenses)
 - Any other fees / or costs incurred
 - Reason for trips

Response:

Please see details below which covers the time period specified. The total amount is around £17k in its entirety for our costs on overseas travel. There are no charges that we have paid for on behalf of members (councillors).

| Purpose of trip | Cost | Trip location | Class of travel | Flight | Coach | Parking | Transport pass | Hotel name | Hotel cost |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|---------|----------------|--|------------|
| Social care related | 3,350.66 | Kuwait | Unknown | 3,101.58 | - | | | Kuwait Continental Hotel | 249.08 |
| Social care related | 2,383.96 | Kuwait | Unknown | 2,142.80 | - | | | Al Jahra Copthorne Hotel & Resort | 241.16 |
| Teacher adviser - provide an international school with teacher training and updates | 199.47 | Geneva | Economy | 41.40 | - | | | Modern Times Hotel, Vevey, Switzerland | 158.07 |
| Paris International Airshow - to promote Lancashire's Aerospace sector for inward investment | 3,835.44 | Paris | Economy | 878.01 | - | | 206.32 | Hôtel Crayon by Elegancia, Paris | 2,751.11 |
| NHS Leadership Academy Programme | 180.49 | New York | Economy light | 629.97 | - | | | | |
| Social care related | 396.12 | Dublin | Economy | 69.13 | | 53.33 | | Travelodge Dublin | 273.66 |
| Social care related | 3,825.42 | Nigeria | Unknown | 1,850.76 | | | | Not known | 1,915.02 |
| Social care related | 990.54 | Latvia | Unknown | 832.51 | | 49.99 | | Not known | 108.04 |
| Social care related | 704.78 | Paris | Economy | 355.28 | | 54.00 | 30.50 | Chambres d'Hotes d'Antardieu | 265.00 |
| Social care related | 205.72 | Dublin | Economy | 78.72 | | | | The Chester Beatty Inn, Dublin | 127.00 |
| Social care related | 934.22 | Norway | Unknown | 470.90 | 34.32 | | | Agotnes Hotell, Bergen | 429.00 |
| Social care related | 90.53 | Dublin | Economy | 32.53 | | | | Willow Room | 58.00 |
| | 17,097.35 | | | 10,483.59 | 34.32 | 157.32 | 236.82 | | 6,575.14 |

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, or you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the team quoting refer **984.862 (AG3)**.

We trust that our response is to your satisfaction, and your request will now be closed as of this date.

Yours sincerley

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