

Request 9063 Expenses

The collection of party political subscriptions from councillors allowances in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

1. Does the council collect, from councillors allowances, funds which are then passed to a political party?
2. Please give the reason why the council is collecting, from councillors allowances, funds for a political party
3. Please advise the annual amount collected and paid to each individually named political party
4. Has NI and Tax been deducted before the funds are collected?
5. What is the cost to the council for making these deductions and arranging bank transfers or cheque payments?
6. What bank charges are incurred in transferring the funds or cheque payments?

Response

A complaint was submitted to the Commercial and Licensing team on the 28 November 2020. The complaint was initially in opposition to the Pavement Licence application, and subsequently allegations that the premises were not operating in compliance with the conditions of the Pavement Licence. There has only been one complainant, but the complaint has continued by way of communications until the present day.