

FOI Ref: 2018-014

13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## **REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

"Across the financial year 2017-18, how much money was spent on: Christmas gifts and other presents such as leaving presents

If possible, I would like a breakdown of the amount spent on each item in the above list, and what it was. For instance, in the case of a gift, the item and the worth, and for an office party, the reason for the celebration and the cost."

In financial year 2017/18 the Park Authority spent £493 on gifts. A breakdown of the amount spent and the reason is shown in the table below:

| Four £10.00 Tiso Vouchers for volunteer quiz.  | 40.00  |
|--|--------|
| Four £20 Tiso Vouchers for volunteer quiz.   |        |
| Thank you gift for Deaf Blind speaker at staff meeting                                 |        |
| Thank you flowers  | 30.00  |
| Flowers for leaving gift   | 35.00  |
| Frames for NP Posters 60cm x 42cm gift for six departing local authority board members | 144.00 |
| Gift of thanks for peatland demonstration day hosting                                  | 35.00  |
| Purchase of flowers for Executive gift   | 10.00  |
| Flowers for leaving gift   | 10.00  |
| Birthday Cake  | 2.00   |
| 40th Birthday items  | 4.23   |
| Sympathy card  | 3.00   |
| Thank you flowers and cards  | 30.00  |

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| Thank you flowers | 30.00  |
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| Total             | 493.23 |

"Leaving parties, office parties, and any other office celebrations"

An itemised list of the Park Authority's financial spend on staff celebrations and other events are set out in the table below:

| Reason for celebration         | Cost     |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Staff Picnic                   | 55.10    |
| End of season lunch            | 200.00   |
| Staff Celebration 03/11/17     | 385.65   |
| Staff Christmas Celebrations   | 331.58   |
| Volunteers Quiz Night Catering | 29.04    |
| Volunteers Ceilidh             | 50.00    |
| Total                          | 1,051.37 |

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

## **Review Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you
  received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a
  response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is
  the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Tel: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info">enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info</a>

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