

## Freedom of information request NCC-030548-18

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request for the following information:

- 1) In the last three available years for which you have data, broken down year by year, could you please provide the total amount spent on celebrity appearances by the council?
- 2) In each case could you provide the person who appeared, along with the event, and how much was paid to that person?

Our response:

I am now able to confirm that there have been two occasions where celebrities have been commissioned at events in Nottinghamshire they were:

20 June 2017 Inspire Annual awards evening held at Worksop Library. Alex Highton (BBC weather) presented the awards and compared the evening.

11 October 2017 Inspire AGM held at West Bridgford Library. Ian McMillan (Poet) performed a poem written for the event.

In response to question 2 I can confirm that we are withholding this information under S40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which prevents the disclosure of personal information relating to third parties in line with the principles of the Data Protection Act.

We did consider whether there were any factors in this case which would justify a breach of the Data Protection Principles and weighed this against the individual's expectation of confidentiality.

We accept that there is considerable local and national interest in the use of public funds. However, individuals who perform at or participate in events arranged on behalf of the local authority have a right to expect that their personal details will not be released to an interested third party or into the public domain. Therefore, it is our view that there are no factors which would justify a breach of confidentiality on this occasion.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

If you are unhappy with the way your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint, please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the reference above

With kind regards

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