

06<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Request for Information: Ref NCC-029541-17**  
**Road repair budgets and compensation payments**

Thank you for your request for information relating to road repair budgets and compensation payments I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

**1) Please can you outline the council's budget for road repairs for the financial years?**

2013-14 - £2.4m + £1.565 DfT Weather Repair Fund = £3.965m

2014-15 - £2.4m + £2.781m DfT Pothole Fund = £5.181m

2015-16 - £2.4m + £0.839m DfT Pothole Action Fund = £3.239m

2016-17 - £2.4m + £1.174m DfT Pothole Action Fund + recently announced additional £815k DfT Pothole Fund allocation = £4.389m

I have provided these figures and included the DfT Pothole Action Fund/similar funds that were allocated for day to day maintenance of the highway network.

**2) Please can you tell me the number of compensation pay-outs made by the council to individuals injured by potholes on council roads for the financial years, 2013-2017**

This information is already supplied on our website, please go to our disclosure log, available at the following link <http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log>.

You can find this information with the use of keyword searching, alternatively use reference number NCC-029603-17.

**3) Please can you tell me how many of those who received compensation were cyclists? Motorists? Motorcyclists?**

We do not record the type of road user or vehicle in our system and so it is not reportable field. Although we do not ask the specific question, the information is sometimes provided by the claimant on their individual claim forms which are scanned into the system. However, this is not compulsory, and therefore not a reportable field, the information is not held centrally.

In order to collate this information we would need to manually review each claim form, a total of 815 forms would need to be reviewed , this would take approximately 68 hours work .

You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend retrieving and collating information in order to respond to a request. This is defined in the Fees and Appropriate Limit Regulations and currently stands at 2.5 days. We estimate that it will take one officer in excess of 2.5 days to locate the information you have requested. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to process requests that exceed this limit.

**4) Please can you tell me the total amount spent on compensation pay-outs made by the council to individuals injured by potholes on council roads for the financial years 2013-2017?**

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We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email [complaints@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@nottscc.gov.uk).

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