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Ref: FOI / 2303

19 February 2019

Mr

Email: request-547388-bd654a36@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr s

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Members of BPA

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request:

The BPA is not a highly regarded organisation by many motorists and seen as ineffective in regulating the private parking operators who make up the bulk of its membership; MPs in the House of Commons have also echoed these concerns. Therefore, can you please provide the following information about your membership:

- The date you first become a member

Response: September 2018

- The reason for becoming the member.

Response: The Freedom of Information Act does not cover this request given that no contemporaneous record of the reasons can be provided.

- How it benefits your residents by being a member.

Response: As noted above, this Council only became a member of the BPA in September 2018. No report has therefore been produced by this Council to consider the benefits given the short time since joining. As such, this request would be outside of the scope of the Act.

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- Benefits received by being a member of the BPA.

Response: Council considers that this particular request is exempt information under Section 21 as the information is readily available on-line at the BPA website.

- The annual costs for being a member of the BPA

Response: £177.60 + VAT as the BPA has accepted the Regional Off-Street Parking Group as one public sector band 5 member with the annual subscription being divided between members of that Group.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Head of Business



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