FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 720/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Request For Information: Council Spending of Department for Education Special Educational Needs & Disability Implementation Grant, 2017-18

In 2014, the government made changes to the Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) framework through the Children & Families Act. Subsequently, the Department for Education (DfE) has provided a financial grant each year to help local authorities implement these reforms, known as the SEND Implementation Grant. Details of funds allocated to each local authority via the SEND Implementation Grant for the 2017-18 financial year can be found here –


1. I would be grateful if you could provide me with a breakdown of council spending that has been funded using the DfE 2017-18 SEND Implementation Grant.

   Answer: In 2017/18 RCC spent £56,000 SEND reform grant within a total SEND budget expenditure of £446,000.

2. Where the council has used this grant to procure goods or services from external suppliers, please provide this information in spreadsheet form, using the same columns & criteria that your council normally uses to publish its monthly or quarterly spending online, as part of its regular publication of transparency data.

   Answer: The grant is used as part of the whole service budget and implementation of the SEND reforms and therefore is not specifically providing one aspect. The funding contributed to a range of services including – Commissioning of Independent Advice and Support Services, School Training Programme, Educational Psychology Services and staffing to manage Education Statement Transfers under the reforms.

3. Where the council has used this grant for internal resourcing (rather than for external procurement), then please provide a breakdown of the functional purpose of this
internal spending, and the quantity of the grant money allocated to each functional purpose.

Answer: See point 2 above.

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Yours faithfully

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