FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 762/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request & Response:

1. What was the total cost to your council in the 2016/17 academic year of transporting children registered as living in your council’s area by taxi to schools outside your council area and the numbers of children being transported?

Answer:
In the academic year 16/17, £429,759.00 was spent on transporting students (mainstream & SEN) on taxi transport.

2. Of these, without revealing any names or personal data, can you tell me furthest five distances travelled by taxi by these pupils and the transport costs to the council in 2016/17 of each?

Answer:
Mileage is from home to school & return based on 1 school day unless otherwise stated. Cost is an annual cost.

1. 97.6 miles (transport twice per week only) - £11,076
2. 74.8 miles - £10,653
3. 72 miles - £27,702
4. 72 miles – £24,605
5. 47.2 miles - £9,120

Can you break the overall figures (both numbers of children and cost) down into two groups - children with special needs and deaf children - providing also the distances travelled by the five children in each group that travelled the furthest by taxi and the cost to the council of each?

Answer:
Deaf and partial hearing children are not separated from the overall figure for SEN children. The 5 furthest distances and associated costs are detailed in the answer to the previous question.
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Yours faithfully

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