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Our ref: **RFI-2020-0238**

30 March 2020

Dear 

**Request for information: RFI-2020-0238**

Your request for information about Council spending since 2014 has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

Financial year beginning 1 April	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1.Ceremonial robes and props for council officials	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.Public relations (including social media)	-	£150,546 (2014/15)	£154,280 (2015/16)	£144,130 (2016/17)	£148,172 (2018/19)	£148,544 (2019/20)
3.Taxis taken by council officials	All procurement card spend is published on our website, and the majority of taxi spend is purchased through procurement card: <a href="https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/finance/spendingover500/">https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/finance/spendingover500/</a>					
4.Mobile phones		15,088	13,033		20,830	22,955
5.Advertising council cuts or how the council will cope with them	We haven't placed any specific advertisements on council cuts.					

**Please note that in addition to the above the Council's Palace Theatre spent approximately £60,000 each year for promoting productions.  
From 2018/19 Tourism is also being developed as a specific service and has a marketing budget.**

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

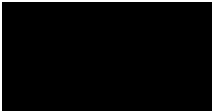
If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who has not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/)

Yours sincerely

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