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Mr. Ken Foxe
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4th April 2017

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2014
Request Dated: 4th March 2017
Request Received: 6th March 2017
Acknowledgement: 6th March 2017

Our Ref: FOI/0035/2017

Dear Mr. Foxe,

I refer to the request that you made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2014* for access to certain Municipal Services Department records held by the County Council.

A final decision was made on your request by **Mr. Martin Allidine**, A/Director of Services, Municipal Services Department. He may be contacted on **01 205 [REDACTED]** should you have any questions in relation to this matter.

The Council has decided to grant your request under the Freedom of Information Act, for access to the requested records.

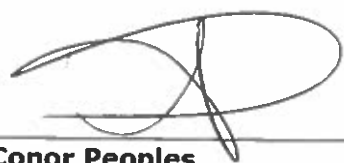
If you are dissatisfied with the decision made in this case you may appeal the decision by writing to me at the address given above.

Please note that there is a standard fee of €30 which must accompany an application for an appeal. A reduced fee of €10 applies if the person bringing the application is a medical card holder or a dependant of a medical card holder. If this is the case, you should supply the medical card registration number, the issuing Health Authority and your consent to the verification of these details with the relevant Health Authority.

In the event that it is necessary to undertake a review of the original decision made in this case, that review will be undertaken by **Ms. Philomena Poole**, Chief Executive. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of receiving this letter (the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances). The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by that Officer who is a more senior member of Council staff.



Yours sincerely,

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Conor Peoples
Freedom of Information Officer



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF RECORDS**

FOI Ref: FOI/0035/2017
Requestor: Ken Foxe
Date: 4th April 2017

Record No.	Request	No. of Pages	Decision: Grant / Part Grant / Refuse	Basis of Refusal and Section of Act	Reason for Decision
1	<p>Details of the percentage number of parking fines which were paid in your local authority area for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016</p> <p>A list (anonymised) of the ten offenders with the highest amount of unpaid parking tickets in your area with the amount that each of them owe.</p>	1 & 2	Grant		



Q.: Details of the percentage number of parking fines which were paid in your local authority area for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

A list (anonymised) of the ten offenders with the highest amount of unpaid parking tickets in your area with the amount that each of them owe.

Ans.:

Item 1

Percentage number of fixed charge notices/parking fines, issued on behalf of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, that were paid during the period 2012 to 2016.

Year 2012: 23,970 (72%)
Year 2013*: 22,065 (68%)
Year 2014: 24,191 (75%)
Year 2015: 24,906 (76%)
Year 2016: 25,386 (78%)

*A new Parking Enforcement Contractor commenced working on behalf of this Council during February 2013.

Unpaid fine figures include all fines for which appeals have been granted. Fines listed as unpaid also include fines that were subsequently successfully prosecuted in Court and all those fines issued to vehicles that were not found/registered on the NVDF database.

Item 2

A list of the (anonymised) top ten offenders with the highest amount of unpaid parking tickets, with the amount that each offender owes. The statutory fine amount of €60 applies in the majority of the cases listed, the exception being disabled bay parking offences where the statutory fine amount of €120 applies.

Number of unpaid fines	Amount Owed
668	€40,080
473	€28,800
359	€21,540
174	€10,440
164	€9,840
130	€7,800
127	€14,320
126	€7,560
117	€7,020
117	€4,680**

** No registration details found on NVDF database. Statutory fine amount of €40 applies.

The figures provided herewith are for the period from February 2013 to the end of December 2016.

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It should be noted that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has a policy of pursuing non-payment of Fixed Charge Offence notices through legal proceedings / legal action in the District Court.

In action taken against the above offenders, two vehicles were removed and disposed of in accordance with the appropriate legislation. Two registered owners of vehicles were disqualified from driving through District Court proceedings and multiple convictions have been secured against offenders.

4th April, 2017
Our Ref: FOI 42 17

Mr. Ken Foxe
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RE: Freedom of Information Request – FOI 42 17

Dear Mr Foxe,

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for:

- Details of the percentage number of parking fines which were paid in South Dublin County Council for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and
- A list (anonymised) of the ten offenders with the highest amount of unpaid parking tickets in your area with the amount that each of them owe.

The report is as follows:

TOP PARKING OFFENDERS LIST for 2016	
Position	Amount Owed*
Offender 1	€ 4,640.00
Offender 2	€ 3,280.00
Offender 3	€ 3,000.00
Offender 4	€ 2,480.00
Offender 5	€ 2,400.00
Offender 6	€ 2,000.00
Offender 7	€ 1,880.00
Offender 8	€ 1,800.00
Offender 9	€ 1,680.00
Offender 10	€ 1,440.00

*Standard fines are €40 increasing to €60 after 28 days

*A fine for parking in a Disabled Bay starts at €80 increasing to €120 after 28 days

Total Fines Paid Per Year %	
Year	Percentage
2016	68%
2015 *	63%
2014	65%
2013	64%
2012	70%
2011	61%

* New service provider from October 2015

Rights of Appeal:

You may appeal this decision.

In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Corporate Performance & Change Management, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 (€10 for medical card holders and their dependents) for processing the appeal. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. A week is defined in the Act to mean 5 consecutive weekdays, excluding Saturdays and public holidays (Sundays are also excluded, as they are not weekdays). The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff of this Department/Body.

If you have any queries regarding this correspondence, you can contact me by telephone at (01) 4149000.

Yours sincerely,



Sheila Kelly
Administrative Officer
Landuse, Planning & Transportation
Department