

Date 26 March 2014

Your ref

Our RFI ref EDIR2849/SD.32

Dear Ms Cairns,

**Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 – Release of Information****Subject: Common Good Fund - Portobello Park expenditure**

Thank you for your request for information which has been dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004. You said:

*“In a report of 29 August 2013 to the City of Edinburgh's Finance and Budget Committee, on page 1 of Appendix 1 it is stated that there had been expenditure of £13,243 on Portobello Park. Would you please provide me with a full and detailed breakdown of this expenditure.”*

Your request for information has been considered and the information is as follows.

The cost of £13,243 is a summation of three types of works, grounds maintenance works based on recorded site measurements, an estimate for directly associated grounds maintenance tasks (principally grass and hedge cutting), and a one off cost recorded for tree works linked to the control of Dutch Elm Disease.

The grounds maintenance works are derived from two geographic areas, one is described as Portobello Park Tree Belt, the other as Portobello Park Football area.

Activity Description	Portobello Park Tree Belt, costs £	Portobello Park Football area. Costs £
Grass cutting	1590.87	1646.14 + 1216.69
Edging	33.57	33.74 + 26.76 + 10.57
Hedge cutting	2326.81	461.43
Tree pruning	-	325.36
Maintain channels	71.46	34.17
Miscellaneous ground works	216.10	1333.35
Sub-total		9,327.02

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Dutch Elm Disease felling costing £3,916 was carried out on the trees tagged as follows:

01-48-11 b15050	02-48-11	03-48-11	04-48-11 b15399	05-48-11 b15308	06-48-11 b15302
07-48-11 b15292	08-48-11 b15092	09-48-11	10-48-11	11-48-13	11-48-11
12-48-11 b15238	13-48-11	15-48-11	16-48-11	17-48-11	

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[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20249/disclosure\\_log](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20249/disclosure_log)

### Your right to seek a review

If you are unhappy with the way we have dealt with your request, you can ask us to review our actions and decisions by writing to the Head of Legal, Risk & Compliance, The City of Edinburgh Council, Waverley Court Business Centre 2:1, 4, East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG or email: [legal.foi@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:legal.foi@edinburgh.gov.uk).

Please note that your request must be in a recordable format (email, letter, audio tape etc), and that you have 40 working days upon receipt of this letter to ask for a review. You will receive a full response to your review request within 20 working days of its receipt. Please remember to quote the RFI reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you can ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint to the Commissioner within six months of receiving our review response. The Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

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