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27 August 2019

Dear FOI Applicant

Thank you for your request received in this office on 27 August 2019 in which you asked:

*FOI Q1. Please confirm when was Bob Ainsworth appointed by Mr Jamieson to the strategic police and crime board and when did he leave, was any announcement of his leaving made and, if so, where was it announced, how many days of work was Mr Ainsworth paid for in total, and how much was he paid(including expenses and pension contributions).
End of FOI Q1.*

FOI Q2 I note that Mr Jamieson is on the Board of the private Charity called RoadSafe, Charity no. 1004973 , whose Patron is Prince Michael of Kent KCVO , and in December 2016 he took his assistant Ashley Bertie to London to see the Prince and have dinner worth £35 FOC at the Prince`s award ceremony, but RoadSafe is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity whose board of directors are its trustees, and its trustees are entitled to claim expenses for their involvement with the Charity (so it should be no responsibility of the West Midlands taxpayer). Please advise if Mr Jamieson or Ashley Bertie claimed travel expenses or other costs for attending the dinner and awards ceremony in December 2016 and, if so, what were the amounts and reasons for the payments. Have they claimed any other expenses subsequently for dealing with Prince Michael of Kent or RoadSafe, and are there any anticipated encounters planned before the end of this year?

<http://www.roadsafe.com/about/who>

<http://www.roadsafe.com/about/businessplan>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/transport/prince-michael-jams-are-causing-lawlessness-on-london-s-roads-a3418876.html>

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/west-midlands-police-and-crime-commissioner-attends-prince-michael-international-road-safety-awards/>

End of FOI Q2

FOI Q3. I note that Mr Jamieson is also a Trustee of the private Charity called the Road Safety Trust(RST), Registered charity number 1156300, and therefore has a requirement to attend periodic meetings (where the Charity are allowed to reimburse any justified Trustee expenses). As far as I can tell, Mr Jamieson has been charging the West Midlands taxpayer rather than the Charity itself, please confirm all the dates and locations that Mr Jamieson has attended meetings with the RST and the amounts claimed, if any, and the reasons, if any, that he has not submitted his claims for the Charity to reimburse.

<https://www.roadsafetytrust.org.uk/trustees/> End of FOI Q3.

FOI Q4. Does Mr Jamison use a Senior Citizens Railcard number to receive valuable discount on his various railway journeys outside of the area or is a non discounted fare usually paid and, if so, why is no discount applied for? End of FOI Q4.

FOI Q5. Where are Ashley Bertie's expenses published and, if they are not published why not? End of FOI Q5.

In response to your request I can confirm:

FOI Q1) Robert Ainsworth was appointed on 1 June 2016 and resigned 20 February 2017

During the above period he was paid a total of £5,157 for Fees & Expenses.

There was no official/recorded announcement of Robert Ainsworth leaving.

FOI Q2) All PCC expenses are published on our website. This information is therefore exempt from disclosure by virtue of section 21 of the Freedom of Information act as it is accessible to you by other means. You can view this information using the following web URL:

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/office-of-the-pcc/pcc-expenses/>

The dates of Roadsafe meetings are as follows:

13/10/2016
11/01/2017
29/03/2017
19/04/2017
05/03/2018
08/10/2018

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The dates of Road Safety Trust meetings are as follows:

12/07/2017
26/10/2017
11/01/2018
11/07/2018
11/10/2018
10/01/2019
18/07/2019

FOI Q4) The PCC has a senior railcard and this is always used to book train tickets at the discounted rate.

FOI Q5) Ashley Bertie has recently been appointed the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner's expenses will be published on our website on the following web URL:

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/office-of-the-pcc/pcc-expenses/>

There is a delay for publishing the PCC's and DPCC's expenses.

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email to the Legal Advisor to the Police and Crime Commissioner. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

The Legal Advisor
West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ
Telephone: 0121 626 6060

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. West Midlands Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by the Legal Advisor.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken. If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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