

CORPORATE- 64/12

REQUEST

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on trips abroad by councillors and senior council officers over the last five years.

Specifically:

- 1a) How many trips abroad were taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12?
- b) The same for 2010/11
- c) The same for 2009/10
- d) The same for 2008/09
- e) The same for 2007/08

- 2a) What was the total cost of all trips abroad taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12?
- b) The same for 2010/11
- c) The same for 2009/10
- d) The same for 2008/09
- e) The same for 2007/08

- 3a) For each trip in 2011/12 please provide a breakdown listing the destination, name of the councillors or senior council officers who embarked on the trip, cost of the individual trip, who paid for the trip, duration of the trip, the purpose of the trip, the mode of transportation, what class of travel they took (ie Business Class/First Class/Economy etc), the name of hotel(s) stayed at, and cost of hotel accommodation.
- b) The same for 2010/11
- c) The same for 2009/10
- d) The same for 2008/09
- e) The same for 2007/08

RESPONSE

- 1a) How many trips abroad were taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12? **1**
- b) The same for 2010/11 **0**
- c) The same for 2009/10 **0**
- d) The same for 2008/09 **1**
- e) The same for 2007/08 **1**

- 2a) What was the total cost of all trips abroad taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12?
2011/12 - Town Twinning Trip to Biberach - cost unknown
- b) The same for 2010/11 **Nil**
- c) The same for 2009/10 **Nil**
- d) The same for 2008/09 **£921.84**
- e) The same for 2007/08 **Approx £600**

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2011/12 - Councillor D Mayzes, Vice Chairman and Mrs Vivien Chapman
Flights booked by TDC but cost unknown. Trip from 14-17 October 2011
They stayed at the Kapuziner Hof hotel at no cost to TDC.

b) The same for 2010/11 Nil

c) The same for 2009/10 Nil

d) The same for 2008/09

2008/09 Town Twinning Trip to Swidnica

Councillor Roy Smith and Mrs Smith and Mr Roger Stewart (the Council's Assistant Chief Executive) and Mrs Carol Stewart

TDC paid for the trip from its Town Twinning Budget at a cost of £921.84

The trip was to attend the Town Twinning Jubilee celebrations at the invitation of the President of Swidnica.

Trip from 17-22 September 2008. Mode of transport was a flight by Ryan Air Economy Class. They stayed at the Hotel Piast-Roman in Swidnica at no cost to TDC.

e) The same for 2007/08

2007/08 - Town Twinning Trip to Biberach

Councillor P De-Vaux Balbirnie and Mrs De-Vaux Balbirnie and Mr Chris Kitcher, the Council's Acting Head of Environmental Services

TDC paid for the trip from its Town Twinning Budget at approx £600

The trip was to attend Biberach's Europe Week Event. Trip from 28 June - 1 July 2007. Mode of transport was a flight by Ryan Air Economy Class. They stayed at the Kapuziner Hof hotel at no cost to TDC.