

FOI 292/2016

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

Please see below in response to your recent FOI request:

I would like to know if the council gets paid for being awarded Blue Flag status for beaches? I can confirm that the Council is not paid for the successful accreditation of Blue Flag status of the District's Beaches. The Blue Flags are applied for to support the District's tourism industry and to ensure our beaches meet the rigid measures required to achieve the awards.

I would also like to know how Dovercourt Beach has got a blue flag this year as it is not clean and I am fully aware sewage pipes leak into the sea in the area? I can confirm that Dovercourt Bay met the rigid standards required by an external assessor in full to achieve a Blue Flag in 2016. The sea water standards recorded during this process were of a very high standard and there is no indication whatsoever of any sewerage leaks into the sea.