

FOI 80/2016

REQUEST

- (1) The names of any local authority staff who have acted as returning officers over the past five years.
- (2) The elections in which said staff member(s) acted as returning officers, broken down by election.
- (3) The remuneration said staff member(s) received in each instance of acting as returning officer.

RESPONSE

Thank you for your email dated 5 February 2016, our response to which is as set out below.

A Returning Officer (RO) is appointed under the Representation of People Act 1983 and is therefore not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). In addition, with regards to question (3), other than the details contained within the Annual Pay Policy Statement which is already publicly available (copies of which are attached for the period in question), it is considered that the information held by Tendring District Council in relation to fees paid to the RO for each specific election are held solely on the RO's behalf and not for the Council's own purposes. Therefore, it is Tendring District Council's position that the information requested in respect of question (3) is not held by the authority under section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, as under section 3(2)(a) the information is only held on behalf of another person.

In addition to the documents attached which sets out the total fees received by the Returning Officer on an annual basis, we are pleased to provide the following information.

The names of any local authority staff who have acted as returning officers over the past five years - Ian Davidson, Chief Executive

The elections in which said staff member(s) acted as returning officers, broken down by election. Mr Davidson has acted as the Returning Officer (and all applicable alternative designations, such as the Acting Returning Officer for Clacton Constituency Parliamentary Elections in 2014 and 2015) in all polls as listed below

Referendum on UKPE Voting System	05/05/2011
District and Parish Elections	05/05/2011
District By Election (St Bartholomews Ward)	22/03/2012
Parish By Election (Weeley)	12/04/2012
Parish By Election (Harwich West Central Ward)	10/05/2012
Parish By Election (Frinton & Walton – Homelands Ward)	14/06/2012
District By Election (St Bartholomews Ward)	16/08/2012
Police and Crime Commissioner Election for Essex Police Area	15/11/2012
District By Election (Harwich West Ward)	28/03/2013
Parish By Election (Harwich West Ward)	28/03/2013
Parish By Election (Harwich East Ward)	28/03/2013
Essex County Council Elections	02/05/2013
Parish By Election ((Lt Bromley)	18/07/2013

Parish By Election (Harwich West Central Ward)	25/07/2013
Parish By Election (Harwich West Ward)	25/07/2013
District By Election (St James Ward)	26/09/2013
Parish By Election (Lt Bromley)	10/10/2013
District By Election (Peter Bruff Ward)	06/02/2014
District By Election (St Johns Ward)	06/02/2014
European Parliamentary Election	22/05/2014
District By Election (Manningtree, Mistley, Lt. Bentley & Tendring Ward)	03/07/2014
Clacton Constituency Parliamentary By Election	09/10/2014
Essex County Council By Election (Brightlingsea Division)	09/10/2014
Clacton Constituency Parliamentary Election	07/05/2015
District and Parish elections	07/05/2015
District By Election (Rush Green Ward)	16/07/2015
Parish By Election (Great Bentley)	03/09/2015
Parish By Election (Great Bentley)	29/10/2015
Parish By Election (Harwich West Ward)	19/11/2015
Parish By Election (Brightlingsea)	10/12/2015