

# East Lothian Council

**FOI Ref: 2018/044(13117)**

***Could you provide me your interpretation of "costs" section 19.3 of the single status agreement***

## ***19. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURE***

***19.3 Where a council requires an employee to possess a Heavy Goods Vehicle, Passenger Service Vehicle and/or other special driving licence, the council shall meet the costs.***

***Does the council meet the cost or reimburse for employees for :***

***Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) LGV medical Tachograph card (driver smart card)***

It may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council (ELC) may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the question(s) posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>

ELC's Roads services have advised that they cover the full cost of any employee that they put forward to obtain their LGV licence. They also cover the cost of any CPC training. Medicals are normally processed through ELC's occupational health provider and any associated costs are paid for by ELC, not the employee.

ELC's Transport services have confirmed as follows:

- Driver CPC training – provided in house, no cost or reimburse to employee
- LGV medicals – employee reimbursed
- Tachograph card – cost funded by East Lothian Council (ELC)