

East Lothian Council

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I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on compensation for damage caused by potholes:

If possible, please can you provide the following data for each of the past five years:

- Please can you provide the total value of compensation paid to motorist, by the council, for damage caused to vehicles by potholes or other types of impaired roads.***
- Please can you also provide the total number of reported incidents, that required compensation to be paid, that occurred in your local authority area.***
- Please can you also provide the total number of reported incidents, that did not require compensation to be paid, that occurred in your local authority area.***

| | Total Paid | Number paid | Number Repudiated | Number of claims received | Claim forms issued but not returned |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 2012/13 | £6,098 | 14 | 40 | 54 | 15 |
| 2013/14 | £5,053 | 17 | 42 | 59 | 9 |
| 2014/15 | £2,354 | 12 | 31 | 53 | 8 |
| 2015/16 | £1,988 | 12 | 47 | 58 | 9 |
| 2016/17 | £3,489 | 12 | 32 | 44 | 7 |
| 2017/18 (to 01/03/18) | £3,379 | 10 | 36 | 60* | 13 |

*not all claims have been finalised.

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Any emails/correspondence received by East Lothian Council's Insurance & Claims team which report an incident and request compensation result in a claim form being issued.

Please Note:

Only information relating to claims received has been provided

Only information relating to motorists has been provided

All payments relate to vehicle damage

The information relates to claims for all road defects including drain covers and traffic island bollards

The information relates to incidents occurring during the past five financial years