

East Lothian Council

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Could you let me know the following –

1. What is your methodology and funding amount for community councils?

Admin grants – each Community Council (CC) receives a fixed amount of £350 (20 @ £350) and the £7,050 remaining funding balance is allocated based on electoral roll figures for each CC area. Total - £14,050.

Local Priorities Scheme – each CC is allocated a budgeted amount to spend as they see fit. The overall £116k funding is split between a fixed / semi-fixed element totalling £26,250 (each CC receives a minimum budget allocation of £500) and a variable element of £89,750 based on electoral roll figures.

2. Is there anything community councils receive in kind, ie. Insurance cover, hall hire etc.?

East Lothian Council (ELC) pays for public liability insurance on behalf of the 20 CC's, storage facility costs for Haddington CC and the reimbursement of hall hire costs for CC's where applicable.

3. Are community councillors or council provided with any equipment?

No

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 ELC may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions 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>