

## East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/550472

***Please can you provide me a list of the books in excel format that have been overdue for more than a month, as of 15/10/18, from all your libraries. Please include the following information;***

- Name of title.***
- Date book was due.***
- Author (surname, first name).***
- Branch the book was loaned from.***
- Current amount owed.***
- User. I appreciate that under the Data Protection Act, user identities will be protected. Therefore please can you assign a random number to each user?***

***If there are multiple titles please put these in separate columns. If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.***

Please refer to the attached "2018\_550472.xls".

Please note that East Lothian Council (ELC) is unable to provide figures for the current amounts owed. In order to gather this level of detail, it would be necessary for staff to cross check the opening hours for each branch against each borrower type and against each item. Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is already held or recorded by a public authority. Public authorities are not required to create new information in order to comply with an information request. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

ELC does not, however, charge overdue fines for any borrower under the age of 18 for any items loaned at public libraries.