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Our Ref: FOI2019/00763

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00763**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st February. I note you seek access to the following information:

**For the year 2018 and available data for 2019, I would like to be provided with details on donations, gifts, sponsorships and loans that have been received by the police force.**

**For each donation, gift, sponsorship and loan, please provide the following information:**

- The year that the donation, gift, sponsorship and loan was received
- The sum or value (if known) and description of the donation, gift, sponsorship and loan
- If known, what the donation, gift, sponsorship and loan was subsequently used for e.g. a donation passed to teams working with the local community, or a gift subsequently used in a charity raffle

**For each donation, gift, sponsorship and loan, please provide further information regarding where the donation, gift, sponsorship and loan came from:**

- If it was an individual, please provide the full name and title of the individual who awarded the donation, gift, sponsorship or loan
- If it was a government department or another public authority such as a council that awarded the donation, gift, sponsorship or loan, please provide the name of that government department or public authority
- If it was a company or organisation or group that awarded the donation, gift, sponsorship or loan, please provide the name of that company or organisation or group
- If it was a foundation or charity that awarded the donation, gift, sponsorship or loan, please provide the name of that foundation or charity

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

**Response** – Bedfordshire police can confirm that it holds information in relation to your request regarding gifts and hospitality however, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested. Such information is exempt under the following exemption:

Section 22 Information Intended for Future Publication

The Section 22 exemption is a class qualified exemption. This means that the legislators when writing the legislation considered that the release of such information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 would cause harm to the public authority or individual concerned. There is therefore no requirement to carry out a HARM Test in respect of such information. However there is a requirement to carry out a Public Interest Test in order to establish whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption may be outweighed by a wider public benefit in disclosure.

The Section 22 exemption is subject to the public interest test.

Factors in favour of disclosure

There is a public interest in the disclosure of this information.

Factors in favour of non-disclosure

The requested information will be published by Bedfordshire Police on a six month turnaround.

The Force publish the data requested and it would incur an additional impact on police resources to carry out ad-hoc searches for information of the same nature. This is at a time of extreme pressure on resources due to an unprecedented number of FOI requests in a force where it has been highly publicised that there is a lack in Government funding to meet the policing needs of the country.

Balance Test

In this case the consideration for disclosure is the public interest in regard to the police enforcement in this area and this needs to be weighed against the impact disclosure before the Force's publication would have. Due to the pressures on the force and the need to protect the public it is not in the public interest to prioritise police resources to allow access to information before the planned publication date. Therefore, the balancing test for disclosure is not made out.

Sponsorship/Donations:

<b>Sponsorship/Donation from April 2018 – March 2019</b>			
<b>Type of Business</b>	<b>Value of Sponsorship</b>	<b>Goods, Services, Funds or Combination</b>	<b>Use Classification</b>
LONDON LUTON AIRPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2020 LTD	£2000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE	£500.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
EUROPEAN TYRE ENTERPRISES LTD (KWIK FIT)	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
THE GARDEN PRODUCTIONS LIMITED	£2000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
THE MALL (LUTON) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
A-PLAN INSURANCE	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
BEDS POLICE PARTNERSHIP TRUST	£500.00	Funds Sponsorship	2019 Community Cohesion Awards
CASH DONATION	£2143.23	Funds Donation	POLICE CADETS General
CASH DONATION	£340.00	Funds Donation	POLICE CADETS General
CASH DONATION	£82.99	Funds Donation	2018 STAFF AWARDS SHIELD
CASH DONATION	£93.50	Funds Donation	POLICE CADETS General
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL	£499.00	Funds Donation	2018 Hate Crime Conference
SAFER LUTON PARTNERSHIP	£1000.00	Funds Donation	2019 Community Cohesion Awards

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EUROFINS FORENSIC SERVICES LTD	£500.00	Funds Sponsorship	Regional Forensic Event
SDC Builders Limited	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
SAFER LUTON PARTNERSHIP	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
WHITBREAD PLC	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
THE MALL (LUTON) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
PAGEFIELD COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
EUROPEAN TYRE ENTERPRISES LTD (KWIK FIT)	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
DEAKIN-WHITE	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
BEDFORD BID	£1000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
COLLEGE OF POLICING	£1832.00	Funds Bursary	EDUCATIONAL BURSARY
GARDEN PRODUCTIONS	£2000.00	Funds Sponsorship	2018 Community Cohesion Awards
CASH DONATION	£50.00.00	Funds Donation	POLICE DOG SECTION General
CASH DONATION	£3643.23	Funds Donation	POLICE CADETS General
CASH DONATION	£1128.53	Funds Donation	POLICE CADETS General

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.