

## Freedom of Information Request - Hanging Basket and Plant Expenditure - Additional Information

From: FFGS (FFGS@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)  
To: robfreel@btinternet.com  
Date: Wednesday, 28 August 2019, 13:24 BST

Dear Mr Freel

Thank you for your e-mail dated 21 August 2019.

Please find attached updated spreadsheet which includes figures for Stonehouse.

Regards

**Ian Guild**

**Grounds Services Manager**

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**From:** ROBERT FREEL [<mailto:robfreel@btinternet.com>]  
**Sent:** 21 August 2019 15:31  
**To:** FFGS <[FFGS@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:FFGS@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Request - Hanging Basket and Plant Expenditure

thank you for providing the information, however I omitted Stonehouse and ask if you could also provide this in the same manner as in the spread sheet provided.

Thanks

Robert Freel

On Wednesday, 21 August 2019, 14:10:36 BST, FFGS <[FFGS@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:FFGS@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Freel

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)**

**Request for Information**

I refer to your information request received by the Council on 12 August 2019 in which you ask for the following information:

Can you advise on the operational budget (excluding capital) used for the following categories and split detailing the allocation to the following villages in South Lanarkshire.

Categories

1. Expenditure on purchase of plants for Flower beds, hanging baskets, railing baskets and any council owned community garden areas that are planted out in the villages mentioned below.
2. Costs for new purchases of baskets in each area.
3. Operating costs to maintain and water hanging baskets in the areas detailed below if they have baskets.
4. Number of hanging or railing baskets maintained in each area and if these are owned by SLC or owned and maintained by other community groups in the area.
5. Would appreciate if the cost can be provided by overall South Lanarkshire budget and then split to show the above areas as well as show a total for the areas not included above.

Villages

- Strathaven
- Glassford
- Chapelton
- Sandford
- Blackwood
- Ashgill / Netherburn
- Larkhall
- Bothwell

### **Holding the Information**

The Council has searched its records and has located all of the information that you have requested.

### **Response to Requests**

The Council can give you all of the information that it has in relation to your request.

- The attached spreadsheet identifies the information by category and location requested.

### **Request for Review**

The Council has a Review Panel to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that it has handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of the legislation. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by 8 November 2019. You must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling for request for information.

You should send your request for a review to:

Mr. W. Dunn  
Information Compliance Manager  
Finance and Corporate Resources  
Floor 11  
Council Offices  
Almada Street  
Hamilton  
ML3 0AA

Alternatively, you can request a review at [foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### **Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner**

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether the Council has dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info) for further details.

Regards

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**Bedding and Basket Information**

Category	Description	Council Wide (5.)	Strathaven	Glassford	Chapleton	Stonehouse	Sandford	Blackwood	Ashgill/ Netherburn	Larkhall	Bothwell
1.	Expenditure on Plants, Bedding and Baskets	£48,597.00	£1,986.00	£0.00	£678.00	£1,678.00	£90.00	£1,505.00	£565.00	£2,559.00	£1,187.00
2.	Purchase of new baskets *	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.	Operating Costs to maintain/ water Baskets	£46,596.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£338.00	£0.00	£0.00	£507.00	£4,905.00
4.	Number of Hanging Baskets	551	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	6	58