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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI334828629

Thank you for your request for information relating to Party political subscriptions.

You have requested the following information:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, please provide responses to the following questions relating to the collection of party political subscriptions from councillors allowances in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

1. Does the council collect, from councillors allowances, funds which are then passed to a political party?

The Council does not collect funds from councillors allowances on behalf of a political party.

- 2. Please give the reason why the council is collecting, from councillors allowances, funds for a political party N/A.
- 3. Please advise the annual amount collected and paid to each individually named political party.

N/A.

- 4. Has NI and Tax been deducted before the funds are collected? N/A.
- 5. What is the cost to the council for making these deductions and arranging bank transfers or cheque payments?

N/A.

6. What bank charges are incurred in transferring the funds or cheque payments? N/A.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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