

Freedom of Information request relating to Pension Contributions

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Further to your FOI request which was logged under FOI Ref No 05772, I am now in a position to provide a response to your request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. After a brief review of the [Council's Financial] Statements I have a few questions which I would like answering please: 1. For 2016/17, staff pension contributions are shown on page 73 as ranging between 5.5% and 9.9%, but no such detail is shown on page 75 for 2017/18; could this detail be given me please?

The staff contribution rates into the local government pension scheme for 2017/18 are publicly available figures and can be found here:

<http://gpslibrary.org/assets/bulletins/2017/155.pdf>

2. Is it possible please for the employer's pension contribution to be provided for 2017/18 for each of the 10 top posts (possibly at risk) referred to in yesterday's edition of the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald? In view of the scrutiny which these posts are now likely to attract, this data is very much in the public interest!

The employer's pension contributions for posts eligible for disclosure are included within the 2017/18 accounts, note 38:

<https://www.eden.gov.uk/media/4928/statement-of-accounts-2017-2018-final.pdf>

Other posts have not been disclosed on the basis that the employer's contribution rate is a publicly available figure, set out in the last actuarial valuation (see below). The basic salary could then be derived from the employer's pension contribution.

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Matthew Neal Solicitor
Deputy Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer)



<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/Content/Internet/536/654/1129/4282514918.pdf>

I hope this satisfies your query. However if you are dissatisfied with this response, you can have your complaint heard under the Council's Complaints Procedure. To do this you will need to contact the Deputy Chief Executive (Matthew Neal) by emailing: dcls@eden.gov.uk, or by writing to the Deputy Chief Executive at: Eden District Council, Town Hall, Penrith CA11 7QF, within 10 working days of receipt of this email.

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Yours sincerely

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