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From: FOI
Sent: 14 September 2021 08:33
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 111-21 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-111-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 19 August 2021 and received by the Commission on 20 August 2021.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is shown below followed by our response.

Please could I request a list of candidates and how much money they spent on their campaigns for the Lincolnshire PCC elections in 2012, 2016, and 2021?

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested. Please find this in the tables below.

After elections, candidates and their agents must submit a candidate spending return, declaration and accompanying documents to the relevant Returning Officer at the local council. The spending return lists what the candidate spent during the election campaign and also any donations they received.

Returning Officers are required to make these returns available for public inspection without charge for two years after they receive them. At the end of the two-year period returns must be returned to candidates if a request is made by the candidate or their agent. Otherwise the returns, declaration and accompanying documents may be destroyed.

Following UK Parliamentary general elections, Returning Officers must send copies of the candidate spending returns to us electronically. Returning Officers are not required to deliver copies of these returns to us following a PCC election but in some cases copies are delivered regardless. The information we hold is therefore not complete.

In this case, we do not hold information relating to how much each candidate spent at the 2021 PCC election in Lincolnshire. We have however provided you with a list of the names of those candidates that contested the election. You will be able to view copies of the returns by contacting the Police Area Returning Officer, see the website below:

https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/voting-elections/police-crime-commissioner-elections-7-may-2020/1

We do hold information relating to how much was spent by some of the candidates at the 2012 and 2016 PCC elections in Lincolnshire. We have collated this data and provided it to you in the tables below.

2012

Forename	Surname	Party Name	Total spending
Alan	Hardwick	Independent	£394.29
Richard	Davies	Conservative and Unionist Party	£26,307.60
Mervyn	Barrett	Independent	£19,335.19
David	Bowles	Independent	£2,437.46
Paul	Gleeson	Labour Party	£170.00

2016

Forename	Surname	Party Name	Total spending
Victoria Carolyn	Ayling	UKIP	£1,599.82
Marc	Jones	Conservative	No information held
Daniel Anthony	Simpson	Lincolnshire Independents	£3,089.42
Lucinda Emmeline	Preston	Labour	No information held

2021

Forename	Surname	Party Name
Peter Anthony	Escreet	Reform UK
Marc Stuart	Jones	Conservatives
Rosanne Christina	Kirk	Labour
Ross David	Pepper	Liberal Democrats
David Vaughan	Williams	Lincolnshire Independents

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority and I trust that this information satisfies your request.

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-request.

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely

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