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## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL SPEND ON NUMBER 73 BUS SERVICE

Thank you for your email of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to the National Audit Office (NAO). In your email, you have requested information relating to how much Kent County Council spends on the number 73 bus. Your request was considered in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Having reviewed our records, I can confirm that we do not hold the information that you requested.

As your request relates to information regarding financial decisions made by Kent County Council, I would suggest that you contact them as they may be able to assist you. Details of how to contact Kent County Council can be found here: [Freedom of information requests - Kent County Council](#).

Your original request has been reproduced under **Annex A** for your reference. **Annex B** sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under the FOIA.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

**NAO FOI Team**

## **Annex A**

### **Your original request for information about Kent County Council**

(Your request is in italic below)

*I would like to know how much Kent County Council spends on the number 73 bus in Hawkinge, Kent.*

*The money for this bus is provided by a central government grant since Stagecoach withdrew the service recently.*

## **Annex B**

### **Statement of Policy**

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at [FOI.requests@nao.org.uk](mailto:FOI.requests@nao.org.uk) or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP.

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints). Alternatively, you can contact the ICO at [Contact us | ICO](#) or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.