

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Celebrity Appearances**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**I would like details about 'celebrity' appearances at council-run talks, events, conferences, dinners etc over the last five years.**

**This covers both internal private events (for example motivational talks for staff) and public events (eg opening of a new swimming pool etc). These examples are not supposed to be exhaustive list of all events where special guests may have been hired.**

**I want the information dating back to January 1, 2007 and I am only after instances where a fee was paid.**

**Please state:**

**1) The date and type of event that the special guest was invited to (the list of examples above is not supposed to be an exhaustive list)**

**2) The name of the 'celebrity'. Celebrity is any speaker who was paid a fee to attend – from motivational speakers through to Big Brother 'stars', war veterans and other notable people. An example of the type of information I am after can be found in this news story:**

**<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2012/01/01/thousands-spent-on-celebs-for-council-events/>**

**3) The amount that was paid.**

**4) If the 'celebrity' insisted the payment was made to a charity. (I appreciate this information may not be recorded).**

**Only three celebrities have been paid a fee in this time frame as follows:**

**30/01/2009 Launch of free swimming initiative - Duncan Goodhew**

**21/04/2010 Launch of New Parks Library - Rosemary Conley**

**21/03/2010 Keynote speaker - Duncan Goodhew**

**The amount that was paid to each celebrity is exempt under s40(2) of the FOI Act as it is their personal data and therefore this is a refusal notice for that information. Rosemary Conley donated her fee to charity. We do not know if Mr Goodhew's fees were given to charity.**

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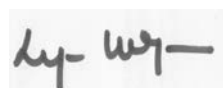
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**Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
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Yours sincerely



**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Information Governance Manager**