



Freedom of Information Request FOI1233

Request:

Please supply all information requested regarding the Land Train,

1. Which type of Operator license has the Council or others granted.
2. If the Council granted the Operator license how much does it cost.
3. Have the relevant DBS checks on the Operators and the Company directors been carried out, if not why not.
4. Have the relevant DBS checks on the drivers, conductors or guides been carried out if not why not.
5. Has the relevant Safeguarding training been completed by the Operators, drivers, conductors or guides if not why not.
6. Who tests the land train for road worthiness and how often are these tests carried out.
7. What subsidy is the Council giving to these Operators either monetary or other means and what is the cost of such subsidies.

Submitted on 13/05/19.

Response:

Please supply all information requested regarding the Land Train,

1. Which type of operator licence has the council or others granted?

The operator of the Land Train has a Licence to operate a "Novelty Land Train, Road Train Bus, Land Train and Dotto Piccolo within North Tyenside, Tyne and Wear" along certain routes within the Borough of North Tyneside.

The Council has not provided any other operator licence in relation to the land train. The Council is aware that the operator has a licence with the present Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency.

2. If the council granted the operator licence how much does it cost?

The Licence Fee in the Licence is recorded as: "the amount of One Pound (£1.00) per annum or such other reasonable amount as the Licensor in the Licensors absolute discretion may from time to time determine on giving 6 months notice."

3. Have the relevant DBS, on the operators and company directors been carried out, if not why not?

Operating staff are subject to DBS checks by the Licensee as employer. This is set out in the a health and safety plan provided to the Authority by the Licensee.

4. Relevant DBS checks on drivers, conductors or guides been carried out, if not why not?

See response to 3 above.

5. Has the relevant safeguarding training been completed by operators, conductors or guides, if not why not?



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Licensees Health and Safety Policy includes training provision for operatives to ensure they maintain a healthy and safe working environment.

6. Who tests the land train for road worthiness and how often are these tests carried out?

The Department of Transport requires an annual Engineers Worthiness Certificate is provided. Together with Quarterly mechanical inspections, daily maintenance checks are carried out before operation commences. The provision for this is as set out in the Licensees Risk Assessment.

7. What subsidy is the council giving to the operators either monetary or other means and what is the cost of such subsidies?

None