



Reference: FOI3838

**Request:**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, please provide responses to the following questions relating to:

The collection of party political subscriptions from councillors allowances in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

1. Does the council collect, from councillors allowances, funds which are then passed to a political party?

**Yes**

2. Please give the reason why the council is collecting, from councillors allowances, funds for a political party

This was in place before North Tyneside Council began processing the Members payroll so cannot provide a response to this question.

3. Please advise the annual amount collected and paid to each individually named political party

**£67,519.94 to the Labour Group**

4. Has NI and Tax been deducted before the funds are collected?

**Yes**

5. What is the cost to the council for making these deductions and arranging bank transfers or cheque payments?

**Costs form part of the normal process and are negligible**

6. What bank charges are incurred in transferring the funds or cheque payments?

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