



Honiton Town Council

## Media Release

### Statement on Judicial Review Costs

In compliance with the transparency code Honiton Town Council is now in a position to make a statement in respect of the costs of the Judicial Review that took place in December 2016 to hear an Action taken by Cllr. J Taylor against Honiton Town Council regarding his compliance with the Honiton Town Council Code of Conduct.

The Judgement in this matter has previously been published on the Town Council website and can also be viewed at

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2016/3307.html>

In making a judgement as to costs Mr Justice Edis ruled in his cost judgement of 30/01/2017 that -

- The defendant will pay the Claimants costs of the proceedings on the standard basis to be assessed if not agreed in so far as those costs were incurred up to and including 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
- The Claimant will pay the Defendants costs of the proceedings on the standard basis to be assessed if not agreed in so far as those costs were incurred on or after 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Following a review of costs Honiton Town Council total legal fees amounted to £64,245.14 excluding VAT. Negotiations with the claimant's representatives in order to give effect to the costs judgement resulted in a payment of £35,000 from the claimant. The Councils' final net costs in the case were therefore £29,245.14

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