

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Civic Hall Restoration*

#### **Request:**

Could you please give me the following information under my legal rights .

- 1      what was the original estimate for the renovation of the Civic Hall and what did those renovations include.

The original budget was £10.4 million

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- 2      what was the actual cost of the work and what other work was found as a result.

In response to question 2, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information at the present time as the work is not yet complete and therefore actual cost information is not available at this point.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

- 3 what is the revised estimate and timescale for the work, what extra work is required and will the extra work involve replacing the roof.  
The approved budget for the Civic Halls project is £38 million.

The roof will not be replaced.

The estimated re-opening date is Autumn 2021.

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Additional Works

Adaptations to enhance the usage of the Civic and Wulfrun Halls

At this stage the Council are still in contract with Shaylor's and finalising scopes of work from Phase 1 and into Phase 2.

- 4 what was the cost of the abandoned computer systems update when it was finally shelved. I require information on all monies spent on abandoned computer systems by the Wolverhampton Council over the last fifteen years. In response to question 4, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 4, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we only hold financial information for a maximum of 6 years.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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In addition to the above, we have checked the financial information we do hold for the last 6 years and can report there have been no costs related to the abandonment of computer systems.

- 5 what was the cost of implementing/installing the Red Route.  
Information collated for scrutiny in 2008 shows the cost of implementing the Stafford Road Red Route Scheme which went live in March 2007 as being: **£2.419 million**, inclusive of fees. This can be broken down as follows:
- On highway works £1,625k
  - Off highway works £ 493k
  - Red Route lines and signs £ 301k

- 6 what was the cost of de commissioning/removing the Red Route.  
The scheme removal and re-instatement of previous traffic regulations orders formed part of a wider project and therefore the cost can only be estimated. The costs for this work were approximately £100,000.

All costs for implementation and re-instatement were met from regional funding associated with the Bus Showcase Programme – a funding mechanism administered at the time by Centro (now Transport for West Midlands).

- 7 what has been the total overspend on the Tram System compared to initial estimate.  
In response to question 7, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 7, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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However, we can inform you that Since completion of Line 1, there have been two major tram projects within Wolverhampton - existing Line 1 maintenance works along Bilston Road and the current on-going works to deliver the Wolverhampton City Centre Extension. Both have or are being delivered by the Midland Metro Alliance (appointed by Transport for West Midlands) and any cost or programme information should be requested from them directly.

- 8 what is the total time in delays in completing the Tram System work over estimate since its start.  
Please see our response provided in reply to question 7.

- 9 what was the total cost of the recent Council Offices Refurbishment.  
The capital budget for the Council office refurbishment was £20.2 million
- 10 what is the current estimated cost of the Train Station Refurbishment against the original estimate and completion date in comparison to intended completion.

The cost of the current Interchange scheme is reported as £150m which includes commercial (office, leisure) development and the core transport components of the scheme (rail station, Multi-storey car park and tram extension).

The Station is projected to complete in Autumn 2020.

For further information please see link provided below:

<http://www.investwolverhampton.com/invest/key-developments/interchange.html>

- 11 what is the total cost of implementing the Green Waste Collection service compared to budget ,and how long will it take to re coup those costs before it actually becomes a cost saving.  
In response to question 11, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 11, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. This is because there was no separate budget set for implementing the new garden waste service, it formed a part of a wider waste service transformation. The new garden waste service is being implemented within the expected costs but given it is a new service we will not know the full costs until the end of the full first financial year.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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