CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

## **Response to Request for Information**

Reference	FOI 003569
Date	13 May 2019

## **Pension Scheme**

## Request:

From the council's pension scheme, please detail the size and value of funds from <u>Capital Group</u> over the last 4 years. For each year, state the value of that position at the end of the calendar year and detail which funds or financial products were held. In response to your above question, please find below a table that contains the value of funds as at the end of each calendar year for 2015-2018.

Fund	Date	Value
CG EM Debt LUX A7 USD	31/12/2015	\$103,131,105.45
CG EM Debt LUX A13 USD	31/12/2016	\$446,731,869.73
CG EM Debt LUX A15 USD	31/12/2017	\$504,838,252.78
CG EM Debt LUX A15 USD	31/12/2018	\$ 481,488,450.64

For 2019, provide the most recent valuation.

With reference to your above question, your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access information for quarter end 31/12/2018 on our website here: <a href="http://www.wmpfonline.com/QIH">http://www.wmpfonline.com/QIH</a>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21</u>

Please also provide details for funds held and their value on 13 July 2016. In response to your above question, 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 your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

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".