

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003603
Date 23 May 2019

Armed Forces Recruitment and Promotional Activities in Public Spaces

Request:

We are doing research into different policy approaches that local authorities take towards armed forces recruitment and promotional activity in public spaces and public events.

I would be grateful if you could provide information on the following:

1. Does the council allow promotional and recruitment activities by the armed forces in public spaces/events?
[Yes](#)
2. If yes to 1., does the council allow weapons and military vehicles to be part of these activities?
[Yes](#)
3. If yes to 1., what is the procedure for the armed forces to undertake these activities?
[With reference to question 3, 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 it on our website via the following link:

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/licences/outdoor-events>

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: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

4. What is the council's policy on children (under 18 years old) handling military weapons in public spaces/events?
[We do not have a policy.](#)
5. What policies inform the council's position on this, in relation to event licensing, safeguarding, the Armed Forces Covenant etc.
[We do not have a policy.](#)