

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000130
Date 5 April 2017

Unauthorised Encampments

Request:

Please may you provide, for each of the last three financial years (2014/2015, 2015/2016 & 2016/2017), details of the financial cost to the authority of clearing and unauthorised encampments?

Public Protection Services = 2014/15 = £1,100
2015/16 = £2,000
2016/17 = £3,400

The above figures are the combined cost per financial year for the hiring of high court Bailiffs.

Legal Services = 2014/15 = £7197.30
2015/16 = £11,625.43
2016/17 = £15,884.50

The above figures include both lawyer time and court fees for both wheeled and tented incursions.

With reference to the service that Environmental Services provides for the above subject, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category requested "unauthorised encampments". Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to that specific subject separately, 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".

However what we can provide you with are figures for the **total actual expenditure** incurred for the three financial years in relation to City Wide Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance. To be clear the information below is for **total actual expenditure only**.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Environmental Services = 2014/15 **Total Actual Expenditure** = £3,472,415
= 2015/16 **Total Actual Expenditure** = £3,410,750
= 2016/17 **Total Actual Expenditure** = £4,422,577