

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000158
Date 14 August 2017

Biodiversity

Request:

Thank you for your request for information about the above, which we received on 14th August 2017. We are treating this as a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- What steps the Council has taken to meet its section 40 duties under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 to 'have regard... to the purpose of conserving biodiversity'?
The Council designates and protects Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, Sites of Local Importance for Nature Conservation and Local Nature Reserves through the planning system and manages such sites (where in Council ownership) to promote biodiversity. A new Local Nature Reserve (Black Country Wyrley and Essington Canal LNR) was designated during 2017. Further information can be found within the Council's Local Plan documents at:
www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planningpolicy
- The total amount spent by the council on promoting biodiversity in the last year for which data is available?
We can confirm that the service does not hold any data specifically relating to the financial spend on promoting biodiversity within the City of Wolverhampton. Biodiversity is promoted by the service area at every opportunity therefore it would be difficult to attempt to even put a figure on this.
- How much the Council plans to spend on promoting biodiversity in the coming year?
As above.
- The name and contact details of the officer responsible for promoting biodiversity within the council (if there is no such person, please provide the name and contact details of the officer responsible for managing the Council's green spaces)?
There is no officer responsible for promoting biodiversity within the Council. Steve Woodward, Head of Environment Services is responsible for managing the Council's green spaces. Email: steve.woodward@wolverhampton.gov.uk / Tel: 01902 554260