

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000222 **Date** 3 April 2018

Felled Trees

Request:

1) How many trees have been felled by the council in the last three years for which data is available - please provide a year by year breakdown.

Year	Trees Felled
2015-2016	69
2016-2017	56
2017-2018	36

2) How much has it cost the council to fell trees in the last three years? Please provide year by year breakdown of total cost.

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category you have requested as tree felling forms part of the overall budget for Arboricultural works undertaken in the City.

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".

However, we can provide you with information relating to the total cost for arbour which we hope you will find useful.

Please note that with reference to the year 2017-2018 we do not hold this information at present as we are in the process of finalising the accounts.

Year	Cost
	£
2014 - 2015	£298,746
2015 - 2016	£273,740
2016 - 2017	£279,899

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

3)	Does the council have a target number of trees to fell in each year? What is the purpose of the tree felling?
	No