

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

## Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000239  
Date 06 September 2018

### ***Bridge Maintenance (2017/18)***

#### **Request:**

I am asking, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following set of questions:

Defining a “road bridge” as a structure with a span of 1.5m or more providing public highway passage for motor vehicles over an obstacle such as a watercourse, railway, road or valley, please provide the following information for all road bridges for which you own as highway authority, including those which are jointly owned with another authority, but for which you are the lead authority:

1. How many road bridges are you responsible for maintaining? [96](#)
2. For the last financial year (2017/18) how many Principal Inspections have taken place? [5](#)
3. For the last financial year (2017/18) how many General Inspections have taken place? [39](#)
4. For the last financial year (2017/18) how many Structural reviews and/or BD21 assessments have been conducted? [0](#)
5. How many sub-standard (in terms of capacity) and/or weight restricted bridges do you have? [10](#)
6. Of these, how many do you intend to return to full load carrying capacity in the next 5 years? [0](#)
7. How many bridges would you return to full load carrying capacity if you had no resource restrictions?

[In respect of question 7, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.](#)

[Consequently, we are unable to provide all of the information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Regulation 12\(4\)\(a\) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.](#)

8. (i) How many of your bridges require post tensioned special inspections (PSTIs)?  
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- (ii) How many of those have had PSTIs within the last 18 years?  
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- (iii) Of those that have not had a PTISI, how many require/are due one?  
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- (iv) How much funding would you anticipate is required to remove the backlog of PSTIs for those bridges identified in Q8(iii)?  
Estimated at £19,000
9. What is the current Depreciation (i.e. difference between your GRC and DRC as declared for your WGA return for 2017/18)?
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| GRC        | £129,045,867 |
| DRC        | £85,262,241  |
| Difference | £43,783,626  |
10. Have you calculated your back log (or workbank) for bridges? What is the calculated value of your backlog of road bridges, or your best estimate if a calculated value is not available? Estimated in the region of £3.74 million.
11. What is the annual cost of maintaining your bridge stock at its current level (standstill budget)?  
Annual cost in 2017-2018 of repair and maintenance of bridges and subways was £312,871.