

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Social Housing Stock***

#### **Request:**

I am emailing to request the following information from the council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Note: This request does not relate to social housing stock

- 1) A list of building, land and heritage assets disposed of (i.e. the council no longer owned the asset) by the council between 2014/2015 and the date on which you received this request, including:
  - Name of the asset
  - What type of asset is it - building, land or heritage?
  - Address (if applicable)
  - Postcode (if applicable)
  - UPRN (if possible)
  - The date it was disposed of
  - The type of disposal (for example sale, community asset transfer, etc)
  - The valuation of the asset at the point it was classified as an asset held for sale (both lower amount and fair value less, if possible)
  - How much it was sold for? (if applicable)
  - Who it was sold to?
  - How it was disposed of (open market, auction, etc)
  
- 2) A list of building, land and heritage assets acquired by the council between 2014/2015 and the date on which you received this request, including:
  - Name of the asset
  - What type of asset is it - building, land or heritage?
  - Address
  - Postcode
  - UPRN (if possible)
  - The date it was acquired
  - Who was it acquired from?
  - How much did it cost?
  - Is it now classed as an investment property?
  
- 3) How many land, building and heritage assets did the council have as of

- a) the beginning of 2014/15
- b) the date on which you received this request

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 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit**

We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- (a) *Determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) *Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) *Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*  
*and*
- (d) *Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

*For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.*

The information appertaining to your request is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To get the information would require contacting several service areas and then the need to have full scale look into all individual records. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).