

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 002640  
Date            8 August 2018

### ***Consultancy Spending***

**Request:**

- 1) Please state the amount your local authority spent on consultants and consultancy fees in each of the following financial years:
  - a) 2013/14
  - b) 2014/15
  - c) 2015/16
  - d) 2016/17
  - e) 2017/18
  - f) 2018/19 to 25.07.18
  
- 2) Please provide a breakdown of your spend on consultants by the company that provided the consultancy for each of the following financial years:
  - a) 2013/14
  - b) 2014/15
  - c) 2015/16
  - d) 2016/17
  - e) 2017/18
  - f) 2018/19 to 25.07.18
  
- 3) Please provide a breakdown of your spend on consultants by council department for each of the following financial years:
  - a) 2013/14
  - b) 2014/15
  - c) 2015/16
  - d) 2016/17
  - e) 2017/18
  - f) 2018/19 to 25.07.18
  
- 4) Please provide a breakdown of your spend on consultants by project or reason for spend in each of the following financial years:
  - a) 2013/14
  - b) 2014/15
  - c) 2015/16

- d) 2016/17
- e) 2017/18
- f) 2018/19 to 25.07.18

In respect of your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the above information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide all of the 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".

In relation to the remaining information, we can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for, however, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following links:

<http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/>  
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/6780>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>