



## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 041570  
Date            20 February 2015

### *Organisation Information*

#### **Request:**

1.      How many direct employees does your organisation have?  
The information is being withheld as it falls under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as it is information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The exemption applies as the information is published and publically available to view by accessing: the link below:  
<http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/View>
  
2.      How many of these are 'senior managers'? (either using your own definition of that term or, if you have no definition could you identify the number of staff in the two tiers of management immediately beneath the Chief Executive Officer).  
  
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<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=6664&p=0>
  
3.      Could you provide a list of any service areas planned for review in the next 18 months, whether this is a review of internal processes or consideration of alternative commissioning options?
  
4.      Do you have existing arrangements, either in house or through external providers, to provide coaching support to staff and managers if required?
  
5.      Can you provide a list of the services your organisation delivers jointly with other public or third sector organisations?
  
6.      What is the annual value of this work?
  
7.      Can you list the services your organisation commissions (or funds through grant money) directly from third sector or social enterprises?

8. What is the annual value of this work?
9. Is the intention to increase the number of services provided in this way?

Following careful consideration, with reference to questions 3 to 9, the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information.

Information you have requested has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

Section 12 of the Act exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance with the request exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be made in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the Act.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450.

Since a substantial amount of work will be involved in processing your request as it is currently phrased, I am afraid a fee is payable before we can provide you with the information.

In summary because this information is not held centrally in one area this would entail gathering information from across the whole of the Council on any service area within any department which includes:

- “(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.

As such I believe that the aggregated time that it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

Should you wish to pay the fee, you can do so by:

Electronic transfer to the following account:

Name: Wolverhampton City Council

Account: 61123557

Sort Code: 08-90-19

Reference: **WCC/041570** [Andrew Morley]

Or by cheque:

Please write the following reference WCC/041570 [Andrew Morley] onto the back of the cheque and post it to:

Information Governance  
Wolverhampton City Council  
Civic Centre  
St Peter's Square  
Wolverhampton  
WV1 1SH

If you are making payment electronically, please let us know once this is complete by quoting the reference number stated in the subject heading, above.

While the legislation allows the Council 20 working days to respond to your request from the date of its receipt, this time limit is suspended until we receive payment.

As soon as we receive your payment we will begin work on your request (please be aware that payments take at least three working days from receipt to clear).

If we do not receive your payment by 18 August 2015, we will consider your request closed and no further action will be taken by the Council.

Please note that if you decide to proceed with the above course of action the information, when sought, may be subject to further exemptions.

Should you wish to narrow the scope of or re-focus your request, for example by informing us of the specific service areas or departments you require the information for, the Council may re-consider it. Any reformulated request the Council receives from you will be treated as fresh Freedom of Information request.