



Response to Request for Information

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Councillor Allowances

Request:

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding allowances paid to councillors.

For each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 please provide the following:

- 1) The basic rate of members allowance – [shown on summary](#).
- 2) The leader of the council's special responsibility allowance
[The Leader of the Council in all three years was Councillor Roger Lawrence. Details of his special responsibility allowance in each of the years is listed against his entry.](#)
- 3) The total value of allowances paid to councillors – [shown on summary](#).
- 4) The total value of allowances plus expenses paid to councillors – [shown on summary](#).

Response:

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. 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 link:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/3259/Councillor-allowances>

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>