



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0815151
Date 28 August 2015

Spending on Credit Cards

Request:

Could you provide me with a breakdown of figures for spending on Wolverhampton City Council Credit Cards for the financial year 2014/2015

Please detail:

- 1.) How many council credit cards there are & who these cards were allocated to.
[We operate the NatWest Epcs One Card scheme.](#)

[In respect of information relating to names of individual card holders, the Council considers that to reveal this information would compromise the safety and security of the individuals concerned and therefore this meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 1\(1\) of the Data Protection Act 1998 \("DPA"\) as:](#)

["*data which relate to a living individual who can be identified - \(a\) from those data, or \(b\) from those data and other information which is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the data controller and includes any expression of opinion about the individual and any indication of the intentions of the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual*"](#)

[The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 \(2\) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 \("FOI"\) and the related first condition of Section 40 \(3\). To explain further, a disclosure made under the provisions of FOI is judged to be a disclosure to the wider world and here the Council must consider disclosure of personal information in line with the provisions of the DPA. In this instance it is judged that information regarding releasing of individual names is not for wider disclosure purposes and that individuals involved would also have no reasonable expectation that their names would be disclosed and published to the world-at-large.](#)

[Any disclosure of this information would be judged in this instance to breach DPA principles, notably the first principle – that of fair and lawful processing and the second principle-that of processing for specified and not-incompatible](#)

- 2.) The total spend on credit cards and a break down by individual.

Following careful consideration, the first part of the information you requested in question 2 above falls under the exemption(s) in section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly-available to view by accessing <http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/View>

With regard to the second part of the information you requested "break down by individual" please see our response in answer to your question 1 above.

- 3.) Please give details of individual transactions made on the cards with as much detail as possible about the purchases made.

Following careful consideration, the information you requested in question 3 above falls under the exemption(s) in section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

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