

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
C O U N C I L

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 111543
Date 9 November 2015

Taxi Drivers

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information, please could you provide me with a number of taxi drivers who have been issued a taxi licence despite a previous criminal conviction in the past year (November 2014 to October 2015). Please provide a list of the previous convictions held by these drivers.

Following careful consideration, 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 (FOI).

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

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. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary to provide the information you have requested it would take us in excess of 25 hours to compile as we would have to carry out a manual trawl of approximately 1,200 files.

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”.*