

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000344
Date 30 August 2016

Electoral Services Department

Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I ask you kindly to send me details of the following:

1. How much funding was:
 - a. budgeted for?
 - b. allocated to?
 - c. spent by?

your electoral services department (or equivalent) in:

- (i) 2010-11
- (ii) 2011-12
- (iii) 2012-13
- (iv) 2013-14
- (v) 2014-15
- (vi) to date in 2015-16?

2. And, of such funding (in no. 1) that was:
 - a. budgeted for?
 - b. allocated to?
 - c. spent by?

your electoral services department, what amount was contributed by:

- (i) the authority itself?
- (ii) other local or combined authorities?
- (iii) the Cabinet Office?
- (iv) a government department or agency other than the UK Government Cabinet Office?
- (v) the Electoral Commission?

3. How many:
 - a. electors aged over 18;
 - b. electors aged under 18 (attainers);

were confirmed on the electoral register on:

- (i) 1 December 2014
- (ii) 1 February 2015
- (iii) 9 February 2015
- (iv) 7 May 2015
- (v) 1 December 2015

- (vi) 31 January 2016
- (vii) 8 February 2016
- (viii) 5 May 2016
- (ix) 10 June 2016.

I would like to know how many were registered on the electoral roll on those specific dates or (nearest dates).

4. How many applications to register to vote were received between:
 - 30 May 2016 and 9 June 2016, and, of that number,
 - how many such applicants were already registered to vote (i.e. 'duplicate' applicants)?

5. Please can you provide a copy of the
 - (a) Electoral Registration Officer's public engagement strategy, and
 - (b) copies of the ERO's strategies relating to
 - (i) 2010-11
 - (ii) 2011-12
 - (iii) 2012-13
 - (iv) 2013-14 and
 - (v) 2014-15

6. Which local 16+ educational establishments has the ERO - or the ERO's staff have:
 - (a) contacted in order to seek to visit, and
 - (b) visited in:
 - (i) 2014-15, and
 - (ii) to date 2015-16, in order to seek to register pupils, students etc.

Further to your recent Freedom of Information Request please find table below response to Questions 1 and 2:

Electoral Registration	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Actual Expenditure/(Income)						
Gross Expenditure	248	242	245	314	404	403
Income:						
Fees and Charges	(11)	(20)	(13)	(17)	(13)	(3)
Recharge to Other Local Authorities				(12)	(12)	
Cabinet Office Grant	-	-	-	(10)	(171)	(50)
Net Expenditure	237	222	232	275	208	350
Net Budget	254	255	247	249	247	244

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The actual expenditure and income figures shown are classified as controllable. The term controllable in this context means that purely internal transactions within the Council, internal support service charges for example, have been excluded. The request asked for figures 'to date in 2015-16'. That financial year has now ended and figures provided are for a full year.

The income identified has been broken down into three categories:

- 1) Miscellaneous fees and charges;
- 2) Recharges to other local authorities; and
- 3) Cabinet Office grant applied in year.

There are no other income sources. The net expenditure resulting in each year has been funded by the City of Wolverhampton Council.

The budget figures shown represent the net budget allocated at the start of each financial year. In 2016-17 the net budget allocated has risen to £324,000.

Please note our response below to Questions 3 and 4:

NEAREST PUBLISHED DATE	REQUESTED DATE	REGISTERED ELECTORS	ATTAINERS To be deducted from registered electors
	1 December 2014	178,331	1,728
	1 February 2015	178,519	1,773
2 February 2015	9 February 2015	178,519	1,773
1 May 2016	7 May 2015	179,927	2,004
	1 December 2015	176,129	1,276
4 January 2016	31 January 2016	177,226	1,449
1 February 2016	8 February 2016	177,580	1,533
3 May 2016	7 May 2016	178,416	1,668
1 June 2016	10 June 2016	179,090	1,724

Between 30th May 2016 and 09th June 2016 there were 6,168 individual registrations, 2231 were duplicates.

In response to Question 5, the only document we have been able to find in relation to this request is the 2013-14 public engagement strategy. See attached.

Response to Question 6 is none.