

Response to Request for Information

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Pension Contributions

Request:

How much did your local authority spend on employer pension contributions to the Local Government Pension Scheme in each of the last 5 financial years, presented in each of the following ways:

- a) as a cash sum
- b) as a percentage of your total revenues in that year
- c) as a percentage of your total expenditure in that year

I would like figures for the contributions made by the City of Wolverhampton Council to the Local Government Pension Scheme that it uses for its employees.

Please see table below providing you with answers to your above questions:

Question	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
a)	£21,647,437	£22,049,360	£23,473,508	£23,410,916	£23,510,916
b)	7.5%	7.5%	7.8%	6.5%	6.4%
c)	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%

The response to part b) has been provided on the basis of the City of Wolverhampton Council's employers contributions as a percentage of the total employers' contributions received by the West Midlands Pension Fund.

It is a legal requirement for the Council to set a balanced budget, therefore the gross expenditure and the gross income budgets for the Council would be the same. The answer to part b) would have been the same as the answer to part c) had the City of Wolverhampton Council's employers contributions as a percentage of the gross income been provided.