

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000440
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Council Tax Policy for Granting Exemption/Reductions for Members of Religious Communities.

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request the following information.

1. Does your (Wolverhampton) council have any policy of granting council tax exemptions/reductions for members of religious communities?
[City of Wolverhampton Council does not currently have a discretionary relief scheme to grant exemptions/reductions for members of religious communities apart from the statutory disregard discounts where some or all of the occupants are disregarded as they are members of religious communities – see 5. below.](#)
2. (If yes to 1) Please provide us with a link to or copy of this policy and its terms?
[Not applicable.](#)
3. (If yes to 1) Have you ever carried out an Equality Impact Assessment of this policy?
[Not applicable.](#)
4. (If yes to 3) Please provide us with a link to or copy of Equality Impact Assessment?
[Not applicable.](#)
5. (If yes to 1) In each of the last 3 years for which you have data, please tell us:
 - a. How many people claimed a council tax exemption/reduction (for being a member of a religious community)?
 - b. What was the total value of council tax exempted/reduced (specifically for being a member of a religious community)?

[The following data relates to households where a statutory discount of 25% or 50% has been applied where residents are disregarded as being members of religious communities.](#)

	No. of properties	Total discount granted
2014/15	13	£7060.63
2015/16	12	£6547.07
2016/17	8	£5641.57