

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
C O U N C I L

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 000694  
Date            13 December 2016

### ***Business Rates***

**Request:**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be interested in any information held by the local authority regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the departments responsibility to provide the information I require.

Please confirm:-

- 1) Total number of all assessments liable for non-domestic (business) rates in the local authority area? [8347](#)
  
- 2) In the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016 to 30th November 2016 please advise:-
  - i) Total number of summons issued in the Magistrates Court for non-payment either in whole or in part of non-domestic (business rates)?  
[2016 – 30/11/2016 - 843](#)  
[2015/16 – 1,082](#)  
[2014/15 – 1,621](#)
  
  - ii) Total number of Liability Orders obtained in the Magistrates Court for non-payment either in whole or in part of non-domestic (business rates)?  
[2016 – 30/11/2016 - 591](#)  
[2015/16 – 711](#)  
[2014/15 – 995](#)
  
  - iii) Total number of referrals made to Enforcement Officers (Bailiffs) to enforce Liability Orders for non-payment either in whole or in part of non-domestic (business rates)?  
[2016 – 30/11/2016 - 280](#)  
[2015/16 – 504](#)  
[2014/15 – 954](#)  
(Please note the figures stated above relate to the total number of summonses/liability orders/ and referrals to the enforcement agents, made during that year and not necessarily for that year.)