

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000840
Date 2 February 2017

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

Request:

1. The total number of applications received each year by your local assistance scheme since April 2013.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all the information concerning the number of applications. Consequently, we are unable to provide all of the information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

I can advise you that this information would be held by Wolverhampton City Credit Union.

However, we can supply you with the information below which I hope will prove useful to you.

Council run Local Discretionary Grant Scheme
April 2013 to June 2014
3,000 applications.

Local scheme run in partnership with Wolverhampton City Credit Union
July 2014 to December 2016
2,601 loans issued

2. The total number of successful applications who have received support each year from your local assistance scheme since April 2013.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all the information concerning the number of applications. Consequently, we are unable to provide all of the information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the

description specified in the request".

I can advise you that this information would be held by Wolverhampton City Credit Union.

However, we can supply you with the information below which I hope will prove useful to you.

Council run Local Discretionary Grant Scheme
April 2013 to June 2014
1,362 successful applications

Local scheme run in partnership with Wolverhampton Credit Union
July 2014 to December 2016
2,601 loans issued

3. Annual budget and annual spend for the local welfare scheme since April 2013

The outturn total spend position for:

2013/2014 = £1,356,618.92

2014/2015 = £689,494

2015/2016 = £200,000

4. Where your local assistance scheme has multiple strands (e.g. community crisis loans and community support grants) could you also provide the information requested above in 1, 2 and 3 for each strand.

Local scheme run in partnership with Wolverhampton City Credit Union
July 2014 to December 2016 only

1,036 crisis loans (value £103,670)

1,565 welfare assistance loans issued (value £361,615)

5. Total value by year of loans made and loan repayments received.

In response to question 5 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in years. Consequently, we are unable to provide the requested information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can provide you with the information we do hold as shown in the table below which we hope will be of assistance to you.

	Crisis Loans	Welfare Assistance Loans	Total
Number of Loans Issued	1,036	1,565	2,601
Value of Loans Issued	£103,670	£361,615	£465,285
Number of Loans Repaid	569	1,045	1,614
Number of Live Loans	197	452	649
Value of Live Loans	£13,530	£95,934	£109,464
Loans in Credit Control	63	61	124

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% Loans in Credit Control	31.97%	13.49%	19.10%
Number of Loans Written Off	220	68	288
Value of Loans Written Off	£15,358	£9,712	£25,070
% Loans Written Off	21.23%	4.35%	
11.07%			