

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001104

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Tobacco and Smoking

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information from your council:

- 1) How much money is invested via council-operated pension funds in tobacco companies? I would like this information broken down by year for the past five financial years (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17); and broken down by tobacco companies.

For example: "2012/13 British American Tobacco £24,550"

WMPF Tobacco Holdings	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
British American Tobacco	£34,211,900	£30,686,600	£32,094,200	£34,396,900	£50,350,000
Imperial Brands	£11,219,120	£11,630,400	£14,222,400	£16,804,050	£18,754,950
Reynolds American	£723,700	£791,455	£974,813	£1,958,845	£2,595,490
Altria Group	£3,510,455	£3,255,466	£4,312,940	£5,580,241	£6,945,237
Philip Morris Intl	£7,876,183	£5,647,392	£5,074,436	£6,825,993	£8,595,370
Lorillard	£797,195	£973,158	£1,056,517	£0	£0
Swedish Match	£471,275	£450,040	£874,654	£1,044,403	£1,152,877
Japan Tobacco	£32,080,348	£1,717,266	£4,470,207	£6,079,319	£7,478,120
KT & G	£498,749	£870,056	£1,839,619	£2,208,438	£2,851,697
British American Tobacco Malaysia	£0	£5,051,162	£5,417,650	£4,528,041	£2,028,937
Souza Cruz	£0	£2,884,050	£0	£0	£0

- 2) The level of funding for 'Stop Smoking' services provided by the council, over the previous five financial years (as above 2012-2017). For example: "2012/13 £1.26m"

Does the council intend to continue running the Stop Smoking service in future years? I would appreciate just a short answer to this question indicating when, if at all, the service is due to end, and any further information on whether elements of the service are being maintained, e.g. for pregnant women.

[The City of Wolverhampton Council took over these services from April 2013.](#)

Budget;

2013/14 £101,000

2014/15 £101,000

2015/16 £41,100

2016/17 £85,163

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Current contracts expire by March 2018. All Public Health budgets, including Stop Smoking services, are subject to review.