

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001183
Date 30 May 2017

Travellers' Unauthorised Encampments

Request:

Could you provide information on the number of times you have moved travellers on, how long it takes, as well as the costs of moving them on.

Could you provide this in table form for the past three financial years, or up until the most recent date that you hold records to. If it is possible, I would like this part of the response in table form.

I would like the date you were alerted to each incident in the first row.

Could you then provide corresponding rows for:

- length of time it took to move the travellers on
- cost in legal fees - to obtain and deliver directions to leave to travellers, and to obtain court date and summons to evict them
- cost of booking bailiffs and paying bailiffs to remove travellers
- cost of clean up after removal
- cost of target hardening/ improving defences to prevent travellers returning
- any additional costs

Could you also total the costs for each year and give the average number of time it took to move travellers on each year.

In response to your above questions, please see table provided on page 3.

Please also note that were items are marked ** or # on the table the following exemptions apply.

In respect of your questions on the table marked with **, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any 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".

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

In respect of your questions on the table marked with #, I can confirm that City of Wolverhampton Council holds this information. The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. Please see link supplied below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/6094/Search-the-disclosure-log?q=EIR000130&size=10>

