



Response to Request for Information

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Planning Department - Resources

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding changes to planning department resources at Wolverhampton City Council.

Please enter the name of your local authority in the box provided.

[City of Wolverhampton Council](#)

Planning Service Staff Numbers

Q1 Please complete the below table with figures for **PERMANENT** staff numbers within your local authority's planning service. For each entry, please use full time equivalent (FTE) values for staff numbers. For instance, 10 full time staff plus 3 part-time staff (whom each work for 50% of the working week) would equal a cumulative total of 11.5 staff members.

Planning Service Staff	FTE in post 31/03/06	FTE in post 31/03/11	FTE in post 31/03/16
Total Planning Service Staff	c.80	c.50	40

Q2 Since 31/03/06, has there been a corporate or service restructure within your local authority that has resulted new services being added, or services being removed from the planning service? Yes No **YES**

Q3 If you answered yes, please enter the number of such restructures here:

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Q4 Please complete the below table with figures for staff numbers within the development management and planning policy teams at your local authority using full time equivalent (FTE) values. For instance, 10 full time staff plus 3 part-time staff (whom each work for 50% of the working week) would equal a cumulative total of 11.5 staff members. [We do not hold records for some of this requested information hence the blanks below.](#)

In columns 1-5, please use figures for **PERMANENT** staff only.

In column 6, please use figures for **TEMPORARY** and/or **AGENCY** staff only.

Service	Grade	(1) FTE in post 31/03/06	(2) FTE in post 31/03/11	(3) FTE in post 31/03/16	(4) FTE Active Vacancies 31/03/16	(5) FTE Frozen Vacancies 31/03/16	(6) Agency/ Temp 31/03/16
Development Management	Managerial			3	0	0	0
	Senior Officer			3	0	0	0
	Officer			9	0	0	0
	Technician			0	0	0	0
	Admin/Support			0	0	0	0
	Other			0	0	0	0
	Total				15	0	0
Planning Policy	Managerial			1	0	0	0
	Senior Officer			1	0	0	0
	Officer			1	0	0	0
	Technician			0	0	0	0
	Admin/Support			0	0	0	0
	Other			0	0	0	0
	Total				3	0	0

Planning Apprentices and Trainees

Q5 We are interested in “on the job” training for planners. Please complete the below table using the total number of apprenticeship, graduate or traineeship places occupied during each of the financial years specified. (Please use figures for

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	2005/06	2010/11	2015/16	2016/17
Apprentice Planning Officers			0	0
Graduate Planning Officers			0	0
Any other type of Planning Officer classed as a trainee			2	2

Specialist Officers

Q6 Please complete the below table with figures for full time equivalent (FTE) staff numbers, under each category, within your **LOCAL AUTHORITY**. Many of these posts will exist within your planning service, however some will fall under other services within your local authority. Please give figures for the **TOTAL NUMBER** of officers of each type within your local authority. In cases where one or more posts are shared with another local authority(s) please use a decimal figure. For example, if a post is shared with one other authority, the figure should be .5; if a post is with two others, the figure should be .33; if three posts are shared with two other authorities, the figure should be 1 etc.

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Post	FTE in post 31/03/06	FTE in post 31/03/11	FTE in post 31/03/16
Archaeologists		0.5	0.5
Architects		0	0
Conservation Officers		3	0
Design Officers		2	1
Ecologists		1	0
Heritage Officers		0	1
GIS Officers		0	0
Landscape Architects		3	2
Neighbourhood Planning Officers		4	0
Planning Enforcement Officers		3	1
Regeneration Officers		5	5
Tree Officers		2	1

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Q7 Please enter the number of months during which each of the following cost cutting measures have been in place within your planning service during the financial year's periods specified.

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	2001/02 – 2005/06	2006/07 – 2010/11	2011/12 – 2015/16
Pay Freeze			0
Recruitment Freeze			0
Benefits Freeze			0

Comments

Please use the box provided to provide any relevant commentary on the figures presented in these tables.

None