



Response to Request for Information

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Pool Car Usage

Request:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Please send me the following information retained by your local authority in respect of the following areas:

Pool car usage data for the period 2015/16 and 2016/17

1. How many pool cars, either leased or owned, does your council have?
[In response to your question, we can confirm the City of Wolverhampton Council does not have any pool cars.](#)
2. What is the total annual spend on pool cars? *n/a*
3. What is the total annual miles of pool cars? *n/a*
4. How many regular pool car users are there? *n/a*
5. How many casual pool car users are there? *n/a*
6. What is the overall cost per mile of pool cars? *n/a*

Staff car for work usage data

We understand local authorities can maintain and attribute data to more than one category of pool car user. For example, *essential pool car users* in receipt of a lump sum for mileage, *pool car users*, and *casual users*. For the period 2015/16 and 2016/17, in each of your local authority's defined categories:

7. How many council staff use their own car during the course of the day to carry out council work? [This is not recorded as some employees do not state that they use their own car.](#)
8. How many miles were travelled by staff in their own car on council activity? [This is not recorded as some employees do not state that they use their own car.](#)

9. What was the average cost per mile reimbursed to users? [45p per mile](#)
10. What was the target cost per mile? [45p per mile](#)
11. How much did your council spend in 2015/16 and 2016/17 on reimbursing staff for miles travelled for council activity in their own cars?
[2015/2016 - £586,069.67](#)
[2016/2017 - £585,693.57](#)
(including schools staff)

Operational policies

12. Please provide the name and/or job title of the person responsible for developing and monitoring policies on employee car usage in your council?
[We do not currently have a dedicated employee responsible for developing policies but this is a role which is currently under review.](#)
13. What policies, working documents or plans does your council have in place to reduce volume and/or cost per mile of usage by pool and/or staff cars?
[We do not currently have a policy in place but this is under review. However, we have been going through a digital transformation process and also relocating employees into fewer buildings which is helping to reduce mileage as employees are able to skype meeting by centralising as many employees into one work location is helping to reduce the need to travel.](#)
14. What policy documents does the council hold on general car usage policy and associated targets and metrics?
[We do not currently have a policy document regarding car usage.](#)
15. Is your local authority pursuing new methods to address major issues or needs around car usage in your local authority? If yes, please provide the supporting documentation?.
[This is being investigated -see response to question 12. Nonetheless, the council promotes a Council cars share scheme to reduce the number of vehicles using our roads, promotes a bicycle share scheme, is hoping to provide electric charging points in the City by early 2019 and is currently developing a transportation redesign project which will look at car usage by employees.](#)

Commuting

16. What is the average number of staff arriving to work in offices or other shared places of work of the council on a weekday? [Information not held.](#)
17. Of that number, how many staff on average drive their own car to that office?
[Information not held.](#)
18. Does your council have any carpool or similar commuting schemes in place?
[No car pool. Car share scheme is available for staff to sign up to. Corporate public transport scheme for staff travelling by all forms of public transport.](#)

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19. If so, what incentives or compensation is offered to encourage staff to take advantage of these?

Car share is free to join. Annual travel card offered by way of loan recouped via salary monthly (not salary sacrifice) passporting 5% public transport operators discount to staff .