

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001784
Date 14 December 2017

Taxi/PH Licences

Request:

Please provide a list:

- a.) the number of drivers currently holding a taxi/PH licence
7654 Private Hire drivers are currently issued.
121 Hackney Carriage drivers are currently issued.
- b.) the number of drivers who hold a licence who hold a criminal conviction.
Please detail the offence, and the date of the offence. Please detail whether the licence was awarded at original application, or on appeal.
- c.) please provide the number of drivers who were refused licences due to criminal convictions in 2017. please detail the type of offence, and whether this was a new application or a renewal.

In response to questions b.) and c.) above, we can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the descriptions specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- (a) Determining whether it holds the information
- (b) Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information
- (c) Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information
- (d) Extracting the information from a document containing it.

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For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.

The information appertaining to your request is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To provide you with the information requested would require a manual trawl and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).