CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
C O U N C I L

Response to Request for Information

Reference   FOI 002043
Date   8 March 2018

Pest Control

Request:

As permitted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information from your local authority:

*   Whether your local authority provides a pest control service
    Yes

*   How much the council spent on reducing pest infestation in each year since 2009-10?

*   How much the council spent on preventing pest infestation in each year since 2009-10?
    In response to bullet points 2 and 3 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold separate figures for reducing and preventing pest infestation.

    Consequently, we are unable to provide 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".

    However, we can provide you with the Gross Annual Expenditure which includes treating for pest and also preventative measures which we hope will be of use to you.

Year	Gross Annual Expenditure £
2009-2010	100,727
2010-2011	113,969
2011-2012	134,233
2012-2013	125,621
2013-2014	147,020
2014-2015	82,999
2015-2016	95,596
2016-2017	74,018

- How many people you employed as pest controllers in each year since 2009-10?

Year	Employed (FTE)
2009-2010	2
2010-2011	2
2011-2012	2
2012-2013	2
2013-2014	2
2014-2015	2
2015-2016	2
2016-2017	2

- On how many occasions have people asked you to deal with issues related to pest infestation in each year since 2009-10?

Year	No of Visits
2009-2010	3,510
2010-2011	4,530
2011-2012	4,755
2012-2013	4,086
2013-2014	2,313
2014-2015	2,067
2015-2016	1,670
2016-2017	1,380

- On how many occasions have pest controllers from your local authority visited homes and businesses in each year since 2009-10 to deal with problems?
  Please see our response to the previous question.