

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Refreshments***

#### **Request:**

I would like to request the amount of money the Council has spent on tea (a) and biscuits (b) at meetings and what types of tea and biscuits these were (c) between 2017-2018 and 2016-2017.

#### **Spend on Tea and Biscuits for 2016-2017**

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=14208&p=0>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

#### **Spend on Tea and Biscuits for 2017-2018**

The Council is unable to specifically identify the spend on tea alone, but estimates that it spent £5,317 on tea and coffee in total in 2017-2018. The estimates are based on the number of drinks provided multiplied by the unit cost of each drink. The type of tea and coffee was 'single portioned fair trade or rain forest products'.

The Council's actual spend on biscuits in 2017-2018 was £70. The type of biscuits were 'catering assorted mix of biscuits'.