

Response to Request for Information

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Public Toilets

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. How many public toilets were maintained by your council on:
 - a. 1st April 2010 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - b. 1st April 2011 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - c. 1st April 2012 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - d. 1st April 2013 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - e. 1st April 2014 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - f. 1st April 2015 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - g. 1st April 2016 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - h. 1st April 2017 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - i. 1st April 2018 (or nearest date where records are kept)

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://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/View/environment/public-toilets>

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>

Further we can confirm that City of Wolverhampton Council has maintained 7 public toilets since April 2010

2. Please provide the postcodes/address of each of the public toilets maintained by your council on:
 - a. 1st April 2010 (or nearest date where records are kept)
 - b. 1st April 2018 (or nearest date where records are kept)

[See link above](#)

3. What was the annual cost of maintaining the public toilets run by your council in the financial year 2017-18?

The provisional outturn for 2017/18 is £97,211. The accounts have not yet been audited therefore this figure is provisional at this stage.

4. What is the overall expenditure by your council on public toilets for each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18? (Please give an annual breakdown.)

2010-2011 - £414,774

2011-2012 - £414,378

2012-2013 - £423,063

2013-2014 - £421,888

2014-2015 - £388,999

2015-2016 - £372,950

2016-2017 - £184,327

2017-2018 – See Q3

Since 2014-2015, the accounts for Public Conveniences have not included the cost of cleaning by the Council's 'in-house' Cleaning Service, utility costs or repairs and maintenance costs. These costs are now held centrally in the Council's accounts and are not separately identified. The contract came back in house in 2016-2017.