

Response to Request for Information

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Council Awards Ceremony

Request:

I am writing to obtain information about your organisation's spending on award ceremonies in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Over the last three years, the council has been solely responsible for organising 22 events to bring together people and employees from the city to recognise the contribution they have made to improving the city and celebrating success. The following events recognise the achievements of looked after children, foster carers, city residents, voluntary organisations and employees.

Please note that the costs for the long service awards include a £150 voucher per employee in recognition of their service. The Digis event is organised by the Learning Technologies Team, a fully traded service, and so the cost of the event is wholly funded by the schools who buy into their service rather than the council taxpayer.

Please include the following information:

- What was the total cost of award ceremonies in each of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18?
- What was the total number of award ceremonies in each of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18?
- What was the name of the award ceremony in each of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18?

The total cost includes, but is not limited, the cost of room/event space hire, catering, drinks, entertainment, insurance, decorations, physical awards and compères.

In answer to your above questions, please see our response on page 2.

2015-2016

I Awards (celebrating the achievements of Looked After Children) - £3,830.66

Long Service Awards (4 ceremonies rewarding employees who have achieved 25 years' service) - £22,360.03

Digis (Digital Learning Awards for creative students from Wolverhampton schools) - £14,457.44

2016-2017

I Awards (celebrating the achievements of Looked After Children) - £3,440.10

Foster Carer Awards (rewarding foster carers who have achieved 10 or more years' service and additional awards for outstanding achievement in caring for our looked after children) - £4,599

Star Awards (recognising employees' success and achievements and rewarding those who go the 'extra mile' to serve the City of Wolverhampton) - £3,125.16

Mayors 150 Awards (community awards to mark 150 years since Queen Victoria visited Wolverhampton) - £10,998.31

Long Service Awards (4 ceremonies rewarding employees who have achieved 25 years' service) - £18,341.14

Digis (Digital Learning Awards for creative students from Wolverhampton schools) - £12,277.80

2017-2018

I Awards (celebrating the achievements of Looked After Children) - £3,768.47

Foster Carer Awards (rewarding foster carers who have achieved 10 or more years' service and additional awards for outstanding achievement in caring for our looked after children - £4,699

Star Awards (recognising employees' success and achievements and rewarding those who go the 'extra mile' to serve the City of Wolverhampton) - £2,905.73

Long Service Awards (2 ceremonies rewarding employees who have achieved 25 years' service) - £12,124

Digis (Digital Learning Awards for creative students from Wolverhampton schools) - £11,621.54