

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002394
Date 11 June 2018

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

Request:

What budget was set aside for your Council's Local Welfare Assistance Scheme in each of the following financial years? 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

Expenditure Budgets

2015-16 = £200,000 investment in LWA Loan scheme in partnership with
Wolverhampton City Credit Union

2016-17 = 0

2017-18 = 0

What was the total amount spent by your council on the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme in each of the following financial years? 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

Total Amount spent

2015-2016 - £200,000

2016-2017 - £0

2017-2018 - £0

What was the total cash value of all non-repayable support provided via the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018?

Nil

Does your council's local welfare assistance scheme provide support in the form of cash loans or grants?

Cash loans via the Credit Union.

Does your council's local welfare assistance scheme provide support in the form of vouchers and referrals to sources of non-financial support?

No vouchers. Access to benefits advice where required.

How many applications for support were made to your council's Local Welfare Assistance Scheme in each of the following financial years? 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

How many applications to your council's Local Welfare Assistance Scheme resulted in support being provided in each of the following financial years? 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

How many individual recipients of support via the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme were there in each of the following financial years? 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

In respect of your above three questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the format you have requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide the 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, please find below information we can provide you which we hope will be of use.

	Crisis & Welfare Loans Issued	Crisis & Welfare Loans Declined	Crisis & Welfare Loans Cancelled	Total referrals
2016	1,099	527	341	1,967
2017	1,429	538	364	2,331
2018 (to 30/4/2018)	524	208	23	754