CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Public Rights of Way

Request:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). I would be grateful if you could provide me with answers to the questions outlined below.

- 1. How many miles of public rights of way are there in your local authority area? 65.1 km (40.7 miles)
- 2. What is your budget, excluding staff costs, for carrying out your statutory duties in relation to public rights of way maintenance (surfacing, bridges, structures, signposting and waymarking, keeping paths free from obstruction etc.)? Please provide separate figures for each of the following financial years: <u>Actual Expenditure in General Ledger for Public Rights of Way</u> 2014/2015 = £100 2015/2016 = £18,266 2016/2017 = £4,055 2017/2018 = £13,313

Please note that some works on public rights of way will have been undertaken as part of other larger projects some of which will have been carried out by third parties. These are not included.

<u>Budget</u> 2018/2019 = £11,390

 What is your expenditure on staff costs for carrying out statutory duties in relation to public rights of way maintenance (surfacing, bridges, structures, signposting and waymarking, keeping paths free from obstruction etc.)? Please provide separate figures for each of the following financial years: <u>Actual Expenditure in General Ledger for Public Rights of Way</u> 2014/2015 = £22,790 2015/2016 = £24,720 2016/2017 = £26,660 2017/2018 = £22,410

<u>Budget</u> 2018/2019 = £29,930

- 4. How many staff, expressed as full time equivalents, does your authority currently employ to carry out its statutory duties in relation to public rights of way maintenance (surfacing, bridges, structures, signposting and waymarking, keeping paths free from obstruction etc.)? How has this number changed since 2014/15? 0.85 FTE
- 5. Do you make use of volunteers for maintaining public rights of way? If yes... No
 - Broadly, what activities do these volunteers undertake?
 - Are these activities organised directly by the local authority?
 - Are these activities organised by other organisations? If so, which?
 - Are you able to quantify the number of volunteer hours contributed per month? If so, please specify.
 - Has your ability / capacity to utilise volunteers decreased since 2014/15, if so how?
- 6. Are the following publicly available on your website: No
 - The Definitive Map, or working copy? No
 - Interactive rights of way map? No
 - Definitive Map Modification Order application register? No
- 7. How many undetermined / pending Definitive Map Modification Order applications are there on your register? None