

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002441
Date 25 June 2018

Food Procurement

Request:

Section 1:

Does your local authority have its own official food policy?

Yes (If yes, please email a copy to stephanie.noble@four-paws.org.uk)

No (Go to Section 2)

Does it meet or go beyond legal requirements?

Yes

No

I do not know

Is it publicly available?

Yes - If yes where?

No

Does your food policy mention animal welfare?

Yes

No

How often is the policy reviewed?

What measures are taken to make sure the policy is enforced?

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Which institutions (local authority and academy schools, primary and secondary schools, hospitals, universities, other canteens, etc.) in your area follow your food policy when procuring food, either entirely or parts of it? Please provide a list of them:

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Do you encourage good livestock systems when procuring products from animal origin?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, do you give priority to food produced under specific assurance schemes? If so, which one(s):

	Red Tractor	RSPCA	Organic	Green Public Procurement Guidelines	Government Buying Standard	Other (please specify)
Chicken						
Pork						
Beef						
Eggs						
Milk						

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Dairy						
Turkey						

Do you recommend providing at least 1 vegan meal per day?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know

Do you recommend that a certain percentage of served food for one average meal is plant based?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-20%
<input type="checkbox"/>	21-40%
<input type="checkbox"/>	41-60%
<input type="checkbox"/>	61-80%
<input type="checkbox"/>	81-100%

Do all local authority schools in your area follow your food policy?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know

How do you work with schools to make sure your policies are implemented?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Directly communicate your policies to them
<input type="checkbox"/>	By providing guidance and training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Via an advisory team
<input type="checkbox"/>	We do not work with schools to share our

<input type="checkbox"/>	policies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

If 'Other' is selected above, please specify:

Section 2:

How much does your local authority spend on food in total per year? How much of this is within schools?

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the format requested as we do not analyse spend food and drink separately.

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 the information we can provide to you which we hope will prove useful:

In 2017-2018, the City of Wolverhampton spent £3.2-million-on food and drink. This includes spend of £ 2.2 million on food and drink provided by the Council in schools.

How much of this overall spend relates to animal-based products (meat, dairy, eggs, fish)?

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the format requested as we do not analyse spend on food and drink that relates to animal-based products separately.

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:

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Do you work with contract catering companies or in-house caterers? Please provide names of contact caterers and how much is spent on each company per year.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as City of Wolverhampton Council has its own in-house catering provision for around 70 sites across the City. Other establishments e.g. schools appoint contract caterers and your specific request should be aimed to individual schools, this is due to the wide mix of academy/Council/Church and Free schools. Therefore, please the link provided below which lists the schools within the City of Wolverhampton.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/schools>

Do you have the following information regarding the food served in the institutions you are responsible for?

	Yes	No
How much is UK produced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How much is local to your area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The farming system used (cage free, pre-stun Halal etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

With reference to your above question, 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:

[https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/~media/files/criteria%20and%20guidance/893-00-ffl-criteria_layout-final-\(2\).pdf](https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/~media/files/criteria%20and%20guidance/893-00-ffl-criteria_layout-final-(2).pdf)

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>

How important do you believe it is to ensure that food procured using public money in your constituency is?

	Not Important	Quite Important	Very Important	Essential	Prefer not to say
Animal welfare friendly		✓			
Environmentally friendly		✓			
Healthy			✓		
Ethically sourced		✓			
Cost effective		✓			
Locally produced		✓			
Fair trade		✓			
Organic		✓			

Do you intend to take greater account of animal welfare in future procurement processes?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

If yes, to what extent?

What is the biggest barrier preventing you from increasing animal welfare in your procurement practices?

We work closely with our colleagues in Procurement to ensure animal welfare is taken into consideration as part of our purchasing procedures

Would you be open to adopting or taking additional measures, if expert support from us was provided?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Do you think your constituents would be happy if they knew exactly where their food is coming from?

Yes

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Would you be willing to publicise where the food you serve comes from?

Yes

No