

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002480
Date 2 July 2018

Litter Picking

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information act, please provide me with the following details:

- 1) The amount spent by the local authority on litter picking.
- 2) The number of staff employed to pick litter.

In respect of questions 1 and 2 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do hold the information in the format requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide the above information, 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, we can provide you with figures that relate to all street cleaning activities and not just litter picking based on a percentage split is as follows:

2015/16 = £1,764,324
2016/17 = £1,720,856
2017/18 = £1,503,850

Please also note that the figures provided do not directly correlate with the 40 operatives that are just deployed to litter picking duties. It also includes the cost of mechanical sweepers/drivers, fly tip removal and emergency responses (24/7 365 days) to remove oil spillages, dead animals and clear up after RTA's etc

- 3) The number of public litter bins in the local authority area.
1,412

The time range I am interested in is for each of the three years 2015, 2016, 2017.