

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Statistics – Kingdom Services Group***

**Request:**

Could you provide me with the following figures regarding your Environmental Enforcement contract with Kingdom Services Group (KSG) from 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018? Could all the figures be broken down into calendar month please.

1. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG?
2. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG were paid?
3. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG were cancelled and why?
4. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG were written off and why?
5. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG were prepared for prosecution?
6. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG that were prepared for prosecution ended up being prosecuted?
7. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG that were prepared for prosecution ended up NOT being prosecuted and why?
8. How many Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG ended up in court were the offender pleaded not guilty and what was the eventual result?
9. Can you confirm that every prepared prosecution was accompanied by Body Worn Camera Footage?
10. Can you confirm how many issued Fixed Penalty Notices have not been closed down via being paid, cancelled, written off or prosecuted.
11. What was the total revenue collected from the Fixed Penalty Notice issued by KSG?
12. How much of the total revenue collected from the Fixed Penalty Notices issued by KSG was paid to council and how much was retained by the contractor?

13. Can you confirm that KSG would have to pay the council a refund for all fixed penalty notices that have been cancelled?
14. Can you confirm that KSG would have to pay the council a refund for all fixed penalty notices that do not have body worn camera footage?
15. Can you confirm that KSG would have to pay the council a refund for all fixed penalty notices have not been paid and KSG have failed to compile a prosecution file?
16. Can you confirm what the cost of any KSG refunds due to the council?

With reference to the above questions, your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

### **Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit**

We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- (a) *Determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) *Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) *Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*  
*and*
- (d) *Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

*For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.*

The information appertaining to your request is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To

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get the information would require a full scale look into all individual records. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

Excess cost removes the City of Wolverhampton Council's obligation under the Freedom of Information, however under Section 16 – (the duty to provide advice and assistance, the Council may be able to provide answers to the request, should you wish to submit a refined request.