

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002597
Date 30 July 2018

Consultants

Request:

1. Can you confirm the total number of consultants contracted by the organisation during the below periods:

A) April 2016-March 2017

In respect of question 1A), it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

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:

"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".

B) April 2017 - March 2018

As of 1 July 2017, there were 37 interims which reduced to 9 by 30 November 2017.

C) April 2018 (that were employed at any stage during this month).
Five

2. Of these consultants, how many are within IR35 regulations?

One – April 2018

3. Please can you provide; the service area; the name of the project or programme; role title; and professional field of consultants in post during:

A) April 2017- March 2018

Combined Authority Advisor
DTP Programme Consultant
Transformational Lead, Supporting Life Choices
RAA Design Lead
RAA Project Lead
Telecare Consultant
Cost Advisor
Interchange Project Director

Children's Transformation Programme

- B) April 2018 (that were employed at any stage during this month)
Combined Authority Advisor
Transformational Lead, Supporting Life Choices
RAA Design Lead
RAA Project Lead
Director of Regeneration
4. Please confirm the total number of consultants and total spend for 17/18 for consultancy services supplied to the organisation.
Total number = 37

Total Spend for 2017-2018 = £1,171,691.22.
Please note the above figure is the consultancy spend figure which contains other items as well as consultants.
5. What is the highest day rate paid by the organisation to a contractor for:
- A) 17/18 financial year
£839 per day
- B) Current financial year 18/19 to date?
£975 per day
- In both instances, which project are they assigned to? What was/is their role?
6. In 17/18 which project held the highest paid consultant (against total spend for the year)?
Digital Transformation Programme
7. Does the organisation currently have any Directors or Service Managers appointed in a contractor capacity? If so, please state which roles and duration of contract.
Yes
Director of Regeneration
Seven months
8. Please list the organisations that the Council has awarded any contracts to in respect of consultancy services and total value of this contract. For the below periods:
- A) April 2016 - March 2017
B) April 2017 - March 2018
C) April 2018 (that were employed at any stage during this month).
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 links:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/6780>

<http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/>

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>