

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002949
Date 8 November 2018

Hostile Vehicle Mitigation and Counter-Terrorism

Request:

How much money has the council spent on hostile vehicle mitigation measures in past five years (up to and including 2018/19)? Please break down the total figure annually.

At which locations and when were those hostile vehicle mitigation measures installed?

How much money in total has the council spent on counter-terrorism strategies over the past five years (up to and including 2018/19)? Please break down the total figure annually.

Please provide a breakdown of what that money was spent on (e.g. staff training, hostile vehicle mitigation)

With reference to your 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:

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

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

Section 38 - Health and safety

The information you requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption in section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to Health and safety.

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In respect of this exemption, the Council considers that disclosure would or would be likely to endanger the physical or mental health of any person.

The Council also considers that disclosure of the above information to the wider world (which is how any disclosure made under the provisions of The Act must be considered) would endanger the health and safety of individuals or groups.

In applying this exemption, the Council considers the public interest in demonstrating openness and transparency of process against the public interest in withholding the information in ensuring the health and safety of individuals/groups is greater than the public interest in any disclosure.

It is therefore concluded on this occasion that the balance of public interest is against disclosure. A key consideration in the application of this exemption is the risks associated to the health and safety of an individual or group.