

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 011618
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Rubbish Uplift Service

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Wolverhampton City Council.

- In the past five years, have you cancelled, curtailed, or introduced charging for any rubbish uplift service including, but not limited to Christmas Trees and bulky items? If so please provide details?

Summarised below are the charges for the collection of waste over the last five years:

Chargeable Service	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Bulky items (up to 5 items)	£18.30	£20.13	£21.14	£22.19	£25.00
White goods (per item)	£19.00	£20.90	£21.95	£23.04	£23.04
Asbestos (per 10 bags)	£61.42	£67.56	£70.94	£74.48	£77.00
Christmas Trees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Fees inclusive of VAT					

Bulky household item collections, white goods and asbestos collections are **free** when on maximum Housing and/or council tax benefits (restricted to one collection in a six week period).

- For each of the past five years, please provide an estimate for how many Christmas Trees the council or its contractors have had to remove from streets and other public spaces and the cost associated with said removals?
The only Christmas tree specific data that Amey have on record is from January 2015 and 2016. This is because the winter garden waste collections were still in operation in the previous years and residents deposited trees in their garden waste bin for collection. Summarised below is the data for the last

two years:

Year	Number of trees collected	Estimated cost (labour, vehicle use and disposal)
Jan 2015	2,185	£5,000
Jan 2016	3,027 (est.)	£5,100

3. For each of the past five years, please provide an estimate of how much the council has spent on removing fly-tipped rubbish?
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 under reference FOI 041597:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/6094/Search-the-disclosure-log?q=FOI+041597&size=10>

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>