CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Councillor's Casework

Request:

Can you please provide details of casework undertaken by each Councillors for their constituents for the last 4 years. Please can you break this down for each Councillor as follows:-

Councillor, case narrative, date, resolution

Following careful consideration and in order to assist further and help to clarify your request we advise that Councillors work falls into three areas:

- i) Work for the Council
- ii) Work for their constituents
- ii) Work for their local political parties

If your request for information relates to i) above then it is likely that we will hold some information in which case, if you would like to re-scope your request and let us know what sort of information you are actually looking for concerning Councillors' casework, we can then reconsider your new request.

If your request for information relates to ii) and iii) above then this information will be held by the individual Councillors and you would need to approach them individually. This is because the Council does not hold this information as Councillors are their own data controllers and Section 1(1)(a) of the Act is engaged 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".

Also are you looking at a particular Ward or a certain type of enquiry the Councillor has received?

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".