

**SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS JAN-MARCH 2008**

|                 | <b>REASON FOR REQUEST</b>   | <b>RESPONDED WITHIN<br/>TIMESCALE?</b> | <b>INFORMATION<br/>PROVIDED?</b> | <b>CUSTOMER<br/>ADVISED ON<br/>ALTERNATIVE<br/>LOCATION OF<br/>INFORMATION</b> |
|-----------------|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>CASE REF</b> |   |  |                                  |  |
| 10100059        | Any correspondence relating to the recent land charges impact assessment/personal searches/DCLG guidance searches of local land charges register/contact with KPMG and tendering process  | Yes                                    | Yes                              |  |
| 10100060        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting notes &amp; correspondence internal &amp; from 3rd parties regarding the councils intention / decision to reduce its fees for all search related activity during the past 2 yrs.</li> <li>- Any correspondence since 2006 relating to any evidence put forward to 3rd parties suggesting that current prescribed personal search fee of £11 is inadequate.</li> <li>- Any information/correspondence/questionnaires that have been submitted to KPMG in matters</li> </ul> | Yes                                    | Yes                              |  |

|          |  |     |              |  |
|----------|--|-----|--------------|--|
|          | <p>relating to local land charges and property searches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All correspondence between any other local authority / central government department regarding costs and restrictions on access relating to land charges and property searches.</li> <li>- Any correspondence / notes / minutes etc of any representations made to the Department of Communities and Local Government or Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, LGA and the Ministry of Justice or Department of Constitutional Affairs or any other Civil Servant / government department calling for an increase in fees for personal searches of the local land charges register or any other activity relating to land charges.</li> </ul> |     |              |  |
| 10100427 | <p>With respect to the latest Office of the Surveillance Commissioner's (OSC) report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OSC's covering letter</li> <li>The OSC's report's conclusions</li> <li>The OSC reports recommendations</li> <li>A full copy of the OSC report &amp; our response to the OSC.</li> </ul>   | Yes | Yes in part. |  |

|         |   |     |                     |  |
|---------|---|-----|---------------------|--|
|         | <p>With respect to the latest Office of the Interception of Communications Commissioner (OICC) report:</p> <p>The OICC's covering letter<br/> The OICC reports conclusions<br/> The OICC reports recommendations<br/> A full copy of the OICC report and our responses to the OICC</p>  |     |                     |  |
| 1099079 | <p>The length of time in years and months (where applicable) that your current Head of Legal Services/Council Solicitor (or equivalent post-holder i.e. your Council's most senior professional legal advisor) has been in post.</p> <p>The length of time in years and months (where applicable) that the line manager of your Head of Legal Services/Council Solicitor has been in post (i.e. the Director or Chief Officer to whom the Head of Legal Services/Council Solicitor reports if your Head of Legal Services/Council Solicitor is not a Chief Officer).</p> <p>All interview questions that were</p> | Yes | Yes where available |  |

|  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
|  | <p>used to select your current Head of Legal Services/Council Solicitor. Where the recruitment process involved more than one interview, please provide all interview questions asked at every stage by all members of the interview panel(s).</p> <p>All interview questions that were used to select the person who is currently the line manager of your Head of Legal Services/Council Solicitor. Where the recruitment process involved more than one interview, please provide all interview questions asked at every stage by all members of the interview panel(s).</p> <p>Please provide a brief description of the interview process and any other recruitment techniques employed (e.g. psychometric testing) in the recruitment of your current Head of Legal Services/Council Solicitor.</p> <p>Please provide a brief description of the interview process and any other recruitment techniques (e.g. psychometric testing) employed in the recruitment of the person who is currently the line manager of your Head of Legal</p> |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|

|          |   |                            |   |           |
|----------|---|----------------------------|---|-----------|
|          | Services/Council Solicitor.   |                            |   |           |
| 1097195  | Current provider of childcare voucher scheme<br>Current contractual cost of service<br>Number of staff participating<br>length of contract and expiry date  | Yes                        | Yes   |           |
| 10100607 | waiting lists for social housing and whether the size of these waiting lists have changed over the last 10 years.   | No – officer on sick leave | Yes   |           |
| 10100315 | a) How many beds for homeless people have been allocated specifically for those with continued drug and alcohol addiction/mental health problems in each of the last five years?<br>b) How many beds for homeless people have been provided in each of the last five years? | Yes                        | No  | Yes - HCC |
| 10100263 | Housing allocations in Watford & UK wide demographically.   | Yes                        | No– requested further clarification but no further response |           |
| 10101613 | Questionnaire re monkey sanctuary   | Yes                        | Yes   |           |
| 10106048 | Report submitted on contaminated green waste bin.<br>All administrative costs to the council to employ someone to send out letters to residents concerning green waste in   | Yes                        | Yes   |           |

|          |   |     |                     |  |
|----------|---|-----|---------------------|--|
|          | particular what does it cost per letter?<br>Are the letters printed on recycled paper if so how much paper do they use per annum? If they are not printed on recycled paper why not? How many sent each month               |     |                     |  |
| 10103101 | List of all dry cleaners holding a permit to pollute  | Yes | Yes                 |  |
| 10103831 | Premises in Watford that allow seating outside on the pavement for smoking that have a license. The increase in income that the council received this financial year compared to last year. What is the estimate for 2008.9 | Yes | Yes                 |  |
| 1099164  | Ownership details of all long-term empty homes that are not owned by individuals.   | Yes | Yes where available |  |
| 1098935  | Stray Dogs for the period from 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007  | Yes | Yes                 |  |
| 10103105 | List of empty properties that has been compiled within your borough.  | Yes | Yes where available |  |
| 1098166  | The issue of betting shop licences  | Yes | Yes                 |  |
| 1096909  | How many Food Safety inspections were undertaken by external contractors and/or firms, per year, in the last 3 financial years.<br>2. How many H&S inspections were undertaken by external                                  | Yes | Yes                 |  |

|          |  |     |   |  |
|----------|--|-----|---|--|
|          | <p>contractors and/or firms, per year, in the last 3 financial years.</p> <p>3. Please can you name the contractor(s) and/or firms undertaking the inspections in the each of the 3 financial years above.</p> <p>4. Please can you state how your current contracts for FS and H&amp;S inspections were awarded eg. formal tender, quotation, or other method.</p> <p>5. Please can you state when your current contracts for FS and H&amp;S inspections are due for renewal.</p> |     |   |  |
| 1098849  | Copy of food inspection report for Pizza Hut   | Yes | Yes   |  |
| 1099312  | Requesting copy of various documents/strategies  | Yes | Yes where available   |  |
| 1099309  | Requesting copy of various documents and other details   | Yes | Yes where available   |  |
| 10104244 | Questions re use of bankruptcy by Council Tax  | Yes | Yes   |  |
| 10100358 | volume of Notices/Orders that your Council has served on private/commercial properties in 2007   | Yes | Yes where available and within WBC domain                     |  |
| 10100614 | Information regarding the use of consultancy firms by your council in the year 2007.   | Yes | No – exceeded cost limit as information not readily available |  |

|          |   |     |                     |  |
|----------|---|-----|---------------------|--|
| 10103106 | Details of empty properties in the area | Yes | Yes where available |  |
|----------|---|-----|---------------------|--|