

SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS OCT- DEC 2009 (TOTAL 55)

	REASON FOR REQUEST	RESPONDED WITHIN TIMESCALE?	INFORMATION PROVIDED?	CUSTOMER ADVISED ON ALTERNATIVE LOCATION OF INFORMATION	REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION?
CASE REF					
1010176815	Number of Homeless Applications include how many applicants were assessed as unintentionally homeless or intentionally homeless, and what assistance was provided	Yes	Yes	No	WBC resident
1010176817	Amount of central government money provided to Watford Borough Council to prevent homelessness in the Watford Area in the last 5 years	Yes	Yes	No	WBC resident
1010176819	How many staff are employed in the Homeless Prevention and Advice	Yes	Yes	No	WBC resident

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	Team/ how many staff working there are full-time or part-time.				
1010174531	Information on Leisure Trusts and Grant Aid	No	Yes	No	Fairplayforchildren.org
1010181013	Information relating to single people applied for housing because they were homeless or about to become homeless? (data needed for January 1st to December 31st 2009 and January 1st to December 31st 2007)	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - postal address not known
1010176990	Paddock Road allotments expenditure and accounts for the last five years.	Yes	Yes but only in available breakdown	No	Individual - postal address not known
1010172453	Various details on number and type of FOI requests received	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - postal address not known
1010172120	Various information where we have applied to magistrates court for ASBO's	Yes	Yes – no applications for period stated	No	Sunday Times

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1010179137	Admin support for Chairman and MD and hours worked. Procedure for officers taking out a Harassment & Bullying complaint and Grievance complaint against the MD?	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010176622	Details of document translations and translation services provided	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - postal address not known
1010177935	Details of all Christmas parties organised for staff this Christmas, for which the council is paying some of the costs. If your authority has issued any guidance to staff regarding Christmas parties this winter.	Yes	Yes	No	Telegraph
1010179715	Details if council have a council free sheet/costs/staffing allocated	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident

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1010179718	Timescales for responses to FOI requests	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010172064	Information regarding the smokefree legislation,	No – administrative error. Request sent to another officer to respond but Lagan case closed down in error without reallocating to relevant officer. Was not identified as outstanding case	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010177939	Details of all animals currently licensed by your authority under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act.	Yes	Yes	No	Telegraph
1010179751	numbers of incidents of pest infestation dealt with by your authority in each of the last five financial years (ie, April 2005 to April 2009). - a breakdown of the species concerned.	Yes	Yes	No	Telegraph

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1010176829	What practical steps has the council taken to reduce its carbon footprint?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010173683	In the last financial year (08/09) how many incidents did your authority record where refuse collectors were assaulted by members of the public while carrying out council duties? How many working days were lost by refuse collectors during the last financial year (07/08) as a result of injuries connected with assaults from members of the public while carrying out council duties?	Yes	Yes	No	Data News
1010178213	- Is your waste and street scene operation carried on in-house or has it been externalised 2- What terms and conditions do your waste and street scene staff work to? 3- What	Yes	Yes	No	Hertsmere BC

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	<p>pay grades (or rates of pay) apply to waste and street scene staff and what hours do they work?</p> <p>4- Do you pay waste and street scene staff overtime, if so in what circumstances, and at what rate?</p> <p>5- Have you fully implemented single status?</p> <p>6- For waste and street scenes services during 2008/09;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- what was the total budget for that service?- what was amount spent on overtime and other related expenses?- what was the number of staff				
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1010174483	Details of all businesses registered with you, whose information is kept as part of the Food Premises Registration	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010176629	Details the 2007/2008 accounts.	Yes	Yes	Yes – WBC website	Individual – postal address not known
1010172569	Details of Section 151 Officer (qualifications/reporting lines)	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010172375	information regarding contracts for refuse, recycling, street cleaning and grounds maintenance	Yes	Yes	No	Harlow Council
1010174943	list of the current companies who are on the Councils approved list of suppliers	Yes	Yes – no approved list	No	Buyersguide.co.uk
1010177636	Information about e-procurement system used	Yes	Yes	No	Burtonlodge.com
1010176366	Copies of Annual Report/ Statement of Accounts/Annual Accounts	Yes	Yes	Yes – WBC website	Individual – postal address not known

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1010176741	contact details for anyone working in your local authority that deals with any form of Health Issues.	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010176156	Information on numbers of staff above certain salary) Full and specific details of the remuneration packages offered for elected councillors. (i.e. what the basic remuneration package is and what payments are available for additional public duties)	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010180577	Information about electoral canvass form and requirements of doorstep canvassers.	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident

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1010176242	Information about CCTV controlled by Watford.	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010179753	Various information relating to full and edited electoral register/staff time	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010180226	Details from Electoral register	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010174230	Since May 2002 on how many occasions has Overview and Scrutiny requested the elected mayor meet with the committees to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000?	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010176831	Regarding the announcement by Gordon Brown, in October, to sell government assets	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident

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	<p>and raise up to £16 billion: What assets has your authority sold in relation to this announcement? What assets has your authority sold since 19th October 2009? Were any of your assets earmarked for sale following this announcement? What assets do you plan to sell in 2009-2010? How much do you plan to raise from each of the proposed asset sales in 2009-2010?</p>				
1010180578	<p>i) Any documentary evidence (including correspondence with the public) known to the Electoral Roll Officer showing that the existence of the edited electoral register, or the use by credit reference agencies of the full</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident

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	<p>electoral register, acts as a disincentive for people to register to vote. (ii list of all departments within the authority that have within the last 12 months had access to either the edited electoral register or the full electoral register and the uses to which it is put.</p>				
1010173058	<p>(1) How many Local Government Act Part III Section 32(3) notices has your council served on a Local Government Ombudsman.</p> <p>(2) How many times has the Ombudsman concerned found the council guilty of maladministration for misusing a Section 32(3) notice.</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known

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1010176369	Copy of ICT Strategy ICT Business Plan Council's Budget	Yes	No – IT documents under review and required further clarification of budget info required	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010179577	Information from Electoral register sold to outside organisations and for how much	Yes	Yes	No	Sunday Times
1010172935	The total number of people within Watford Council and its executive agencies who were granted the right to use powers of entry legislation to enter a private property, or were able to confer that right upon another agency, on Monday 15th June 2009. 2. If it exists, a copy of any internal guidance on how powers of entry are granted to officers / agencies	Yes	Yes	No	Bigbrotherwatch.org

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1010174678	The number of purchase/sundry debtors invoices/full plans submissions processed by your authority in 2008/09	Yes	Yes	No	VFM Data
1010174984	<p>The number of times EHO have intervened due to continuation of fireworks after curfew that was deemed a nuisance. 2. Acted upon noise violations under EPA 1990.</p> <p>The number of times social landlords have:</p> <p>3. Applied to the courts for injunctions to prohibit antisocial behaviour in their housing under Clause 13 of the ABact 2003</p> <p>The number of times the Council has:</p> <p>4. Ordered owners to remove graffiti/flyposting from their property etc</p> <p>5. Ordered owners to clear waste from their land under CA & EA 2005</p>	Yes	Yes	No	MP

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	<p>6. Acted under the Clean Neighbourhood and EA 2005 to remove abandoned vehicles.</p> <p>7. Acted under the EPA 90 to deal with nuisance neighbours.</p> <p>8. Applied for Antisocial Behaviours Orders</p> <p>9. Granted Antisocial Behaviour orders.</p>				
1010176371	Copy of Procurement Strategy and Corporate Plan/Strategy	Yes	Yes	Yes – WBC website	Individual – postal address not known
1010178162	<p>information about you're children and young people programme especially you're web site from how many people have visited it, hits, page views, bounce rate and do they come from search engine etc. Costings for the above</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known

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1010177639	How many CCTV cameras do you own and operate? Hours of live footage plus costs. Outsourcing arrangements for above	Yes	Yes	No	ITV
1010179667	Recorded incidents of metal theft.	No	Yes	Yes in part – HCC	MP
1010172782	<p>1. A breakdown of the occasions in the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009, indicating:</p> <p>(a) under which power of entry legislation the private property was entered</p> <p>(b) how many of the occasions in the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 resulted in the police making an arrest</p> <p>2. If it exists, a copy of any internal</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Bigbrotherwatch.org

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	guidance on the use of powers of entry legislation				
1010178653	S106 Financial Contributions	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010172554	How much money has the council raised from section 106 agreements that has not yet been spent/returned to developers?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010179102	Information about member of staff and whether permanent/agency, terms of contract and payments	Yes	Yes – in agreement with member of staff	No	Individual – postal address not known
1010172019	Does the council send and or deliver and or trasmit information and or documents and or data to the Department for Work and Pensions at Longbenton on Tyneside/what kind of documents/how transmitted. Any information mislaid and for how long	Yes	Yes	No	Sunday Times

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1010177884	Housing benefit payments to asylum seekers and citizens from EU members who have exercised their right to move (for whatever reason and for however long) to the UK.	No	No		Sunday Times
1010178652	Information about housing benefit and or LHA claimants who receive help in connection with two or more properties.	No	No		Sunday Times
1010177141	The quantity of safeguard policy applications received since the introduction of LHA and specifically those on the grounds of rent arrears'.	No	Yes	No	Watford Property Company
1010180532	1)How many flats and houses are registered with you as claiming a council tax discount? 2)How many flats and houses are claiming a council tax discount on the grounds that the	No	No		Guardian

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	property has been empty for six months or more? 3)How many flats and houses claiming a council tax discount on the grounds that the property has been empty for six months or more are owned by people or companies with an overseas address?				
1010173478	<p>1. A list of bailiff companies used by the Council since 1st April 2007.</p> <p>2. Whether the Council authorises the addition of fixed fees to council tax arrears balances presented to debtors by any of the companies named in (1) for:</p> <p>a. levying distress</p> <p>b. attending premises after a levy has been made with a view to</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – postal address not known

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	<p>removing goods</p> <p>c. attending to remove goods outside premises, such as cars</p> <p>d. attending premises pre-levy with a view to levying and removing goods in one go.</p> <p>3. For each of above, please quantify the amount of fixed fees applied in each case with any changes since 1st April 2007.</p>				
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