

SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS JAN – MARCH 2010 (TOTAL 60)

	REASON FOR REQUEST	RESPONDED WITHIN TIMESCALE?	INFORMATION PROVIDED?	CUSTOMER ADVISED ON ALTERNATIVE LOCATION OF INFORMATION	REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION?
CASE REF					
1010193781	Has the council issued licences to performers or musicians to play on town or city centre streets in the authority area?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010188793	copies of all correspondence, from both parties, between Watford Council and the Government on the issue of free swimming for under 16's and over 60's.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010181284	Enquiry re allotment sites in Watford	Yes	Yes	No	Individual via What do they know.com website
1010186496	Structure chart for the Housing Services department under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.	Yes	Yes	No	Venn Group Ltd

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1010187564	Swimming pool enquiry, customer believes TRDC pay WBC to use swimming facilities and under FOI wishes to know amount.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - Watford resident
1010191162	How many complaints has your organisation received from either your employees or members of the public about haunted buildings, ghosts or other paranormal phenomena in your premises or in buildings managed by you?	Yes	Yes – none	No	John Connor Press Associates
1010190574	Does your council provide a newsletter or community newspaper to residents? What were the total costs of production	Yes	Yes	No	BBC
1010181783	Freedom of Information and Knowledge Sharing questionnaire	Yes	Yes	No	Individual address not known

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1010188106	Hospitality received by the Chief Executive and Leader of the council, covering the time period of the last three years.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual address not known
1010192467	What was the total amount (gross) spent by the authority on communications and media relations in the financial years 2008/09 and 2003/04?	Yes	Yes in part	No	Individual address not known (same person as above – possible journalist)
1010181317	Name, frequency and distribution/circulation of your council newspaper and associated costs/advertising and partners	Yes	Yes	No	Individual via Whatdotheyknow.com website
1010188212	salary grades/scales of your Geographic Information Systems staff	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address not known
1010190298	aircraft noise complaints made to you between 2004-2010, year on year.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual via Whatdotheyknow.com website
1010186490	use of microchips in resident's rubbish bins.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address not known

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1010191640	<p>1.Does your Authority currently accept an address outside of the geographical area of your authority on a Private Hire Operator Licence?</p> <p>2. Has your Authority changed that policy in the last three years?</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address not known
1010186856	Premises/vehicles inspected in respect of the smoking ban/penalty notices issued/court cases/income raised .	Yes	Yes	No	Dennis Rice Media
1010194195	How many enforcement actions does Watford District Council take in respect of those allowing their dogs to foul on an annual basis?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address not known
1010185361	How many commercial dog breeders your authority licences under the Breeding & Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act?	Yes	Yes	No	Kennel Club

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1010193042	Details of licences issues under DWA Act for primates	Yes	Yes	No	DWA campaign
1010193670	list of the trading names and/or addresses of all the commercial premises which have been served with a noise abatement notice due to amplified music since 01/01/2008.	Yes	Yes	No	Not Watford resident
1010190670	Any estates referred to the Bona Vacantia division of the Treasury Dept since 1.9.2009.	Yes	Yes	No	Sarah Cooper Solicitors
1010191399	Number of successful prosecutions Council has taken for illegal plying for hire / no insurance for each of the last five years	Yes	Yes	No	Wolverhampton Council

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1010192814	<p>1. For your mandatory HMO Licensing scheme: What fee do you charge</p> <p>2. Please state for each of the years 2006,7,8,9 and currently in 2010.</p> <p>3. Do have any discretionary Licensing scheme in operation...</p> <p>4. Please state for each discretionary scheme and each of years 2006,7,8,9, and currently in 2010.</p> <p>5. Does you Authority intend on establishing any discretionary Licensing schemes over the next 5 years?</p>	Yes	Yes	No	National Landlords Assn
1010184696	List of all empty proprties	Yes	Yes in part	Yes	Individual – address not known
1010188828	<p>Various information on total remuneration for Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, and heads of services or directorate or departments, for both the financial years 2009/10 and 2004/05</p>	No	Yes (only total figures and bandings where relevant or where details related to MD/Leader of the Council)	No	Individual – address not known

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1010189390	<p>a.) the number of people, if any, employed by your council whose salary is between £100,000 per annum and £149,999 pa.</p> <p>b.) the number of people, if any, employed by your council whose salary is between £150,000 pa and £199,999 pa</p> <p>c.) the number of people, if any, employed by your council whose salary is more than £200,000 pa</p> <p>d.) the amount, or banding, of the highest paid member of staff</p> <p>e.) could you also provide the salary bandings and the roles of each of these members of staff earning more than £100,000 pa.</p>	No	Yes	No	Telegraph
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1010191100	Questionnaire on whether Local Authorities can increase productivity and capacity through increased utilisation of flexible working and work/life balance policies without increasing costs.	Yes	Yes	No	Not Watford resident
1010194521	Information on redundancy statistics	Yes	Yes	No	Unison
1010188077	<p>A - The number of disciplinary actions brought within the council against any employees (whether on the payroll or on the payroll of third-party companies)</p> <p>B - A breakdown of the charges behind each action ? including (but not limited to) bringing the council into disrepute, gross misconduct, misconduct</p> <p>C - Please state how many of these actions</p>	No	Yes	No	Individual – address not known (possible media enquiry)

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	were upheld, and how many were dismissed/dropped following investigation.				
1010192599	Interim positions and retention rates	No	Yes	No	Individual – address not known (possible media enquiry)
1010187255	Payroll and HR Services. How many employees are there on your payroll? Are the services outsourced and to whom/system used?	No	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010190568	Name of each external and internal award scheme the council or council staff have applied for during 2009 For each scheme, please provide a complete break down of all expenses incurred.	Yes	Yes	No	BBC
1010192007	Details of special advisors/political assistants employed by Council. How many are currently on its staff (for 2009-10)?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known

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1010183754	Various information on full and edited register	Yes	Yes	No	Not WBC resident
1010193040	Various information on use of RIPA and those authorised to use RIPA powers.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known (possible media enquiry)
1010187445	Details of the body (whether within the council or external) that oversees remuneration or compensation packages for higher level staff.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010181593 (Barbara checking this one as response date not known)	Have we paid for advice relating to information access such as FOI/DP and details of provider/costs				
1010187878	Procedures for the implementation of traffic schemes/targets/KPI's.	Yes	No	Yes - HCC	Individual – address not known
1010191231	What systems are in place in your authority to monitor and regulate and approve the use of RIPA powers?	Yes	Yes	No	Not Watford resident

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1010190664	Details and cost of printing and distribution of EReg forms	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010192033	Information on foreign trips and foreign-based employees.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010190577	Income received relating to various types of fines	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010184682	Number of FOI/EIR request and nominated person dealing with these	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address not known
1010186866	what Smartcard Schemes are in place in the council at present?	Yes	Yes	No	ECEBS Ltd
1010184042	RIPA - In how many cases was a staff member and/or member of the public the subject of EITHER an application for directed surveillance or the acquisition of communications data	Yes	Yes	No	Data News
1010194297	Details on policy/systems for storing and sharing of personal data	Yes	Yes	No	Media enquiry – newspaper not known

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1010191409	Information required as to outsourcing of Land Charges enquiries	No	Yes	No	Land data
1010187880	Parking issues regarding Blue Badge holders	Yes	Yes	No	Not Watford resident
1010192308	Data regarding foreign vehicles in respect of parking penalties.	Yes	Yes	No	Sunday Times
1010186661	List of the names of all the new streets / avenues / roads etc created within your council area in the last ten years.	Yes	Yes	No	Telegraph
1010193500	Information on disabled bus passes, OAP bus passes and companion passes issued in 20008/9,	No – no response to date			RNIB
1010186499	Structure chart for the Parking Services department	Yes	Yes	No	Venn Group

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1010190661	<p>The benefits and or income that you take into account including War Pensions and any associated supplements when assessing claimants for.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing benefit 2. Council tax benefit 3. Any other local benefits 	No – no response to date			National Gulf Veterans and Families Association
1010190576	Liability orders related to non-payment of council tax and business rates.	No – no response to date			Individual – address not known

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1010191942	<p>Identify the private individual and or private firm who/which owns the largest number of houses currently being occupied by housing benefit claimants council's area.</p> <p>what is the highest 'housing benefit supported' rent currently being charged by this landlord.</p> <p>how much housing benefit has been paid to this individual/firm and or to the claimants living in its properties in each of the last three financial years</p> <p>how much has been</p>	No – no response to date			Sunday Times

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	paid to the landlord/firm and or the tenants living in these properties since the beginning of January 1 2010.				
1010187113	addresses including postcode and rateable values/owners of empty commercial properties	No – no response to date			Not Watford resident
1010184799	<p>1. Number of households that have the potential to pay Council Tax (ie: if there were no exemptions).</p> <p>2. Number of exempt households.</p> <p>3. Breakdown for answer to question 2 (eg: Housing benefit / LHA, Student etc)</p> <p>4. Amount of bad debt (unpaid Council Tax)</p>	No	Yes	No	Property agent via Whatdotheyknow.com
1010189635	How do we deal with arrears for C/Tax and	No – no response to date			Individual – address not known

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	agents/bailiffs that we commission				
1010190572	Details and income in relation to credit card surcharge is applied when a payment is made to the council.	No – no response to date			Individual – address not known
1010194259	a list of all credit balances owing to incorporated companies. Could you also include (ideally separately), a similar list where any overpayment/credit has been cancelled by a 'write on'.	No – no response to date			Individual – address not known