

SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS OCT - DEC 2012 (TOTAL 73)**Category codes:**

I (Individual no address/not WBC resident) **IWB** (individual WBC resident) **C** (campaign group) **M** (Media) **O** (Organisation)

REASON FOR REQUEST	RESPONDED WITHIN TIMESCALE?	INFORMATION PROVIDED?	CUSTOMER ADVISED ON ALTERNATIVE LOCATION OF INFORMATION	CAT
Various information regarding types of families placed in B&B accommodation and costs	Yes	Yes	No	I
Council's hardware maintenance and costs relating to various equipment/systems including contract dates	No	Yes	No	O
How many fixed CCTV cameras have been operational in each of the last five years?	Yes	Yes	No	MP
Details for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (taxis) currently licensed to operate within your borough.	Yes	Yes	No	IWB

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How councils charge for residual waste and recycling collections.	Yes	Yes	Yes – website for further information	I
Pest control incidents in local schools	Yes	Yes in part	Yes - HCC	O
Addresses and rateable values of empty commercial properties that are within Watford Borough Council area	No	Yes	No	O
The actual and % increase in charges you are levying for 12/13 compared to 11/12, for a range of leisure and recreational services and activities, including allotments on both basic and enhanced sites.	Yes	Yes	Yes - website	I
Amount of money raised as a result of CPO 37 St Georges Road and where the monies are held as we wish to make a claim on behalf of persons entitled to the proceeds	Yes	Yes	No	O

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Persons died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I
Agenda, meeting notes and subsequent actions from the Major Project Board meetings that specifically discuss allotments including Farm Terrace.	Yes	Yes	Yes - website	I
Agendas, meeting notes and subsequent actions of meetings that have taken place within the Environment & Planning Directorate of the Council that discuss allotments.	Yes	Yes - none	No	I

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<p>2010/11 & 2011/12.</p> <p>a) The total number of cash or cheque transactions processed by your local authority</p> <p>b) The total value of cash or cheque transactions processed by your local authority</p> <p>c) The total cost of processing cash or cheque transactions</p> <p>d) The total number of people employed (or the full time equivalent) in your local authority cash office(s)</p>	No	Yes	No	0
Information regarding waste collection services	Yes	Yes	No	I

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<p>Bulky Waste charges - if there is any free service offered and if you found an increase in fly tipping since introducing a charge and how much the increase was</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>How many Private Hire Taxi Vehicle licenses and how many Public Hire/Hackney Carriage Vehicle licenses are currently held in your area.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Is your organisation currently in the process of replacing upgrading or refurbishing its telecommunications systems or equipment? please provide appropriate documentation or links to the documents that will allow access to decision making time scales, budgets, procurement and current tender documents.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>0</p>

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Details between 1st April 2009 and 22nd October 2012, each piece of green or recreational space which was sold by the authority.	Yes	Yes	No	O
Information regarding licensed premises to sell pets and for breeding dogs	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details regarding length of contract and costs for HR/payroll solution	Yes	Yes	No	O
Information regarding outsourcing of ICT contracts	Yes	Yes	No	O
Information regarding suppliers/contracts for scaffolding	Yes	Yes	No	I
Persons nominated for elections in (a) 1 May, 1997; (b) 7 June, 2001; and (c) 5 May, 2005.	Yes	Yes – info not held	No	I

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Location of all on street Blue Badge Disabled Parking Bays	Yes	Yes	No	I
Changes to the boundaries of green belt land in the council area	Yes	Yes	No	M
Ratable values between £500 - £12000 not subject to Business Rate Relief	No	Yes	No	I
Cleanliness data for each year (if available) What measurement method was used in each year? (e.g. BV199a, NI195, etc) Litter Detritus Graffiti Fly posting Litter Detritus Graffiti Fly posting 2008/09 2009/10 2010/11 2011/12 01/04/2012 to 30/09/2012	Yes	Yes	No	I

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If 93 Market Street Watford which has been trading as a Sauna for over 30 years has ever had any complaints about the nature of their business or if they have ever had any complaints of offering any illegal services.	Yes	Yes - none	No	I
Anyone who has died with no known next of kin from 1/6/2012	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details regarding how channel shift has been researched and implemented	Yes	Yes	No	I
Makeup of the public sector workforce at the beginning of 2010 and comparing it with the makeup of the workforce in 2012.	Yes	Yes	No	I
SEN Tribunal Costs from 2005 to Present	Yes	Yes - none	No	MP

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Total amount of revenue raised in Empty Property Rates	No	Yes	No	O
Information relating to Energy Performance Building Directive which covers Display Energy Certificates, Energy Performance Certificates and Air Conditioning Inspections	Yes	Yes	No	O
The names of all Public Health Funerals carried out by your Authority between 1 July 2012 and the date of your response.	Yes	Yes	No	O
In 2009/10 2010/2011 2011/2012 how much was spent on providing foreign language translation services for (a) written communications (b) verbal communications (c) in total?	Yes	Yes	No	MP

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How much the council has spent on training for councillors and the elected mayor in the last three years (from the financial year beginning in April 2010).	Yes	Yes	Yes	M
Various questions about parking offences	Yes	Yes	Yes in part - website	I
Does the council pursue council tax arrears (i.e. enforcement action against non-payment, over and above initial warning letters) via in-house staff, or is it outsourced to an external provider/contractor (e.g. debt collection agency)?	No	Yes	No	I
Details of the credits held on your records for ratepayers in respect of payment of Business Rates.	No	Yes	Yes – WBC website	O

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List of properties currently empty/derelict.	No	Yes	No	0
National Non-Domestic Rate accounts in your billing authority area that show a credit (in excess of £500) for any period from 1 April 1990 to date.	No	Yes	No	0
List of all Non-Domestic rate accounts that are currently overpaid or in credit.	No	Yes	No	0
List of unclaimed business rates credits	No	Yes	Yes – WBC website	0
Persons died no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	0
How many public health funerals held	Yes	Yes	No	0
Information and suppliers of various IT systems used	No - unresolved			1

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Details for each hazardous substances consent your council has issued	Yes	Yes	No	O
Number of PCN's issued at location of Bridle Path within six months of 7/11/2012	Yes	Yes	No	I
Schedule of ratepayers who are receiving 80% mandatory charitable rate relief under Sections 43-48 the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the address of the property to which the relief applies.	No	Yes	No	O
The number of FPN issued for dropping cigarette butts for last 5 years	Yes	Yes	No	I
Whether we use or have ever used Voice Risk Analysis (VRA) technology (fraud)	Yes	Yes	No	I

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<p>Do you have an automated starters/leavers process? Do you have an automated process for reporting excessive weekly internet access to an individuals unit manager which automatically excludes work related sites?</p>	No	Yes	No	I
<p>Various information relating to the processes for ICT and non ICT related projects</p>	No	Yes	No	I
<p>Housing developments approved, against the flood-related advice of the Environment Agency, in each year: 2002-3, 2003-4, 2004-5, 2005-6, 2007-8, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, and so far in 2012-13?</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes in part - website	M

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List of buildings that are planned to be demolished after 2012 with dates of planned demolition and, if possible, reasons for the demolition.	Yes	Yes	No	O
All non exempt commercial properties with a rateable value of £10,000 or less not currently receiving small business rate relief?	No	Yes	No	O
List of non-domestic rates assessments in excess of £10,000 Rateable Value	No	Yes	No	I
Persons died no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I
Various types of IT systems used for various processes	No - unresolved			I

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Names of any local community or business groups that have applied to your local authority to become a neighbourhood forum.	Yes	Yes	No	I
The number of appeals received by the council against the council's decision to reject or refuse planning permission for wind farms or wind turbines in each of the following years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.	Yes	Yes	No	M
<p>(a) company name, addresses and rateable values of commercial properties that are occupied within your billing authority</p> <p>(b) the names of the liable party of those properties that are vacant within your billing authority</p>	No	Yes	No	O

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List of currently licensed Private Hire Taxi Operators	Yes	Yes	No	O
How much the Council spent on cycling infrastructure (cycle lanes, cycle parking, storage etc) in financial years of 2012, 2011 and 2010 as well as how much the council expects to spend on cycling infrastructure in 2013	Yes	No	Yes - HCC	I
Information/statistics regarding tenants in social housing	No	No	Yes in part - WCHT	M
Applications and waiting lists for allotments Budget for the Parks and Open Spaces for each Financial Year (2007 to 2012)	Yes	Yes	No	I
No. of licensed taxi drivers and how many committed criminal offence	Yes	Yes – in part	No	M

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Information relating to production of a Pantomime in premises within the council's area	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information relating to mobile phones /contract. How many ipads or tablet computers. Land line contract and IS provider	No	Yes	No	I
List of buildings that are planned to be demolished after 2012 with dates of planned demolition and if possible reason for demolition.	No	Yes	No	O
Do any council employees have their salary paid into a non-UK bank account?	No	Yes - none	No	I
Spaces and parking permits Zone E	Yes	Yes – in part	No	I