

SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS OCT- DEC 2011 (TOTAL 78)**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
People who have died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details of expense claims made by the elected Mayor	Yes	Yes	No	M
Fees paid for use of Holyrood School for elections	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details of non-domestic rates assessments in your authority area in excess of £30,000	No	Yes	No	I
Details relating to Section 106 money since 2001	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information relating to collection of parking fees	Yes	Yes	No	I

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Details of all genuine credits that are held on your business rates system, to include: credits written away to suspense/ control accounts Amounts written off during the last 12 months Credits which are due to non individuals	No - unresolved			O
Does your council offer recycling credits to charities?	Yes	Yes	Yes in part - HCC	O
Details of your current recruitment services contract(s)	No	Yes	No	I
Details relating to municipal clocks within the council	Yes	Yes	No	M
Number of allotment plots and waiting list	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details of any breach of licence by Oceana Nightclub and inspections carried out by WBC	Yes	Yes	No	M

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Information relating to operation garden waste service	No	Yes	No	I
Money received through the New Homes Bonus scheme and expenditure	Yes	Yes	No	M
Details of all the firms that have bid for the tenders for various services	Yes	Yes	No	O
Amount of legal costs incurred by your council as a result of appeals arising from the council's planning decisions.	No	Yes	No	M
Details of rateable values and credits of all properties that have any historic credit on their account	No	Yes	No	O
Details relating to youth clubs, sports clubs and school clubs and and cuts in funding	Yes	No	HCC	I

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Is Waste Collection for your authority carried out by in-house resources or outsourced to a third party? Details of any contracts	Yes	Yes	No	O
Details of current HMO list	Yes	Yes	No	O
Budget, income and expenditure pest control services	Yes	Yes	No	I
Income and fees charged for various services	No	Yes	No	I
Details of redundancies 2010/11 and age grouping	Yes	Yes	No	M
Amount your authority has spent on its CCTV network in the past four years. How many mobile and fixed surveillance cameras are controlled by your authority.	Yes	Yes	No	C
If any elected members are part of LGPS	Yes	Yes	No	C

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Since January 1 2011 has the council been contacted by or been in contact with any theatrical and entertainment producer about the possibility of staging a Christmas pantomime and or similar type of Christmas entertainment?	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information on local authority enforcement of waste issues.	Yes	Yes	No	I
How many public health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitors from Aug 2011 and the date of your response.	Yes	Yes	No	O
Details (including projected costs) of any plans you have to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee in 2012	Yes	Yes - none	No	I

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In 2009/10 2010/11 how much was spent by your organisation on providing foreign language translation services (i.) for written communications (ii.) for verbal communications	Yes	Yes	No	MP
Information on redundancies and payments	Yes	Yes	No	I
Does your company use e-discovery software?	Yes	Yes	No	I
Information relating to ICT budgets and projects	No	Yes	No	O
Has your LA experienced developers not completing a housing development/estate/road to an agreed standard and therefore leading to a delay in adoption by your LA?	Yes	No	Yes - HCC	MP

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All properties within your billing area which are currently vacant with rateable values in excess £250,000	Yes	Yes	No	O
List of non-domestic rates assessments in your authority area in excess of £30,000	No	Yes	No	I
How many companies are liable for more than one rating assessment/account within your jurisdiction.	No - unresolved			O
List of all empty residential derelict properties	No	Yes	No	IWB
Minutes of the meetings between Watford Football Clubs charity trust and Watford Council in relation to the Meriden community centre and draft version of the proposed contract between the council and the charity	Yes	Yes – in part	No	I

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How much money, in total did Watford Council spend on Christmas/seasonal lights in winter 2009/10, 2010/2011 and 2011/12?	Yes	Yes	No	I
Information in last five years relating to so-called paupers' funerals	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information relating to crematoria and charges	Yes	Yes	No	I
How many employees are councillors and how much paid time allowed for carrying out duties	Yes	Yes	No	MP
Information regarding childcare voucher scheme	Yes	Yes	No	O
Information regarding various ICT contracts	No	Yes	No	I
How many residents permits issued in zone G and number of spaces available	Yes	Yes	No	M
List of all residential empty derelict properties	No	Yes	No	I

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Long term empty properties in the area	No - unresolved			M
Copy of the latest health and safety inspection, trading standards and food hygiene for specified premises	Yes	Yes	Yes in part – Hertsmere BC	I
Exemptions relating to private hire vehicles	Yes	Yes	No	O
Whether the Local Authority currently or in the past has funded coroners for the payment of GP reports?	Yes	Yes	No	I
Anyone who has died with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I
Council's use of private investigators since 2008	Yes	Yes	No	M
Details relating to owner of private road and issuing of car parking fines	Yes	Yes	No	IWB

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Number of personal searches carried out so far this year in each month beginning with Jan 2011 and the names of the organisations that carried out the searches. Including number of 'official' searches carried out in the same period by the local authority	Yes	No	No	O
How many hours CCTV cameras are manned	Yes	Yes – in part	Yes in part – Herts Police	M
Whether another company have requested details of all personal search company names	Yes	Yes	No	O
Details regarding Section 106 monies	Yes	Yes	No	M
All NNDR accounts in your billing authority area that still have a credit balance (in excess of £500) shown on them from any time from 1 April 1990 to date.	No	Yes	No	O

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Premises operating as shisha bars	Yes	Yes	No	O
How many staff were paid via the PAYE system last month?	Yes	Yes	No	I
Is your council planning to cut back on the funding and/or ceremonial duties of your mayor in the budget proposals being finalised for the financial year 2012/13.	Yes	Yes	No	I
All the privately owned and council / public body or company owned empty properties in Watford (minimum 6 months empty)	No	Yes	No	O

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<p>88-110 The Parade, Watford</p> <p>Is the site registered, or likely to be registered in the future, as contaminated land by the Council under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990?</p> <p>Any pollution or contamination incidents or issues that have occurred or are occurring at or near the site</p>	Yes	Yes – in part	No	0
<p>How many adverse possession land claims in the borough which have been lodged via the Land Registry as possessory titles or absolute titles in last 10 years?</p>	Yes	No – further clarification not received from requestor	No	1

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Monmouth House, Lower High Street Who owns the property and why has it been empty for so long and not investigated by WBC Empty Homes Team?	Yes	Yes- in part	Yes – land Registry	IWB
Top ten most visited websites by council staff	Yes	Yes- in part	No	M
Information relating to grounds maintenance contracts and arboriculture contracts.	Yes	Yes	No	O
Number of Public Health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitor from October 2011	Yes	Yes	No	O
People dying with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I
How many staff made/being made redundant 2010-2015. Total budget and any services closing during same period	Yes	Yes	No	M

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If any staff paid on strike day and total saving. What council intends to do with the 'windfall'	Yes	Yes – in part	No	IWB
All documentation relating to any council-owned property that is currently rented and/or leased to any political party, trade union or Member of Parliament.	Yes	Yes	No	I
How many times has local authority authorised investigations under the RIPA Act 2000 in the periods: a) 1st December 2008? 30th November 2009? b) 1st December 2009? 30th November 2010? c) 1st December 2010? 30th November 2011	Yes	Yes	No	C

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Current planning applications which, if successful, would result in the development of land on the Metropolitan Green Belt/greenfield site/brownfield site	Yes	Yes	No	M
How much the council has spent on accommodating statutory homeless people in B&B and hotel accommodation in (i) 2010 and (ii) 2011 and which hotels are used	Yes	Yes	No	O
How much was spent/is projected to be spent for electoral registration and electoral services within your authority.	Yes	Yes	No	C
Total complaints received about staff and Members in each year since 2006, including names, reason and outcome	Yes	Yes	No	M