

**SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS JAN-MARCH 2012 (TOTAL 97 )****Category codes:**

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

<b>REASON FOR REQUEST</b>	<b>RESPONDED WITHIN TIMESCALE?</b>	<b>INFORMATION PROVIDED?</b>	<b>CUSTOMER ADVISED ON ALTERNATIVE LOCATION OF INFORMATION</b>	<b>CAT</b>
Information relating to number of homeless people 2010/11	Yes	Yes	No	IWB
Any celebrities who have been paid to attend Council meetings or events	Yes	Yes – none	No	I
How many public health funerals referred to Treasury solicitor	Yes	Yes	No	O
Information relating to licensed taxi drivers who hold criminal convictions	Yes	No – not available	No	I
Licensing and enforcement of displays lasers for entertainment purposes.	Yes	Yes	No	I

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Information regarding each building in the authority which is used primarily as office space for council employees	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information relating to machines for car parking charges	Yes	Yes	No	I
<b>All properties with your billing authority area with a credit held on the account over £2000</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>I</b>
From August 2011 until present day how many public health funerals has your organisation performed or will be performing	Yes	Yes	No	I
Has the council identified savings from its budget on services (revenue) for the next three financial years re staff and consultants	Yes	Yes	No	M
How much has been cut from your budget for 2012/2013 and where the Council will find the savings.	Yes	No – info not yet available	No	I

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For each of the last five years, headcount of Council staff, in post at the beginning of the relevant year, who have moved out of the council by the end of the year?	Yes	Yes – in part	No	I
<b>Details of any attempted refunds of accounts in credit that have been returned or not presented for payment</b>	<b>No – unresolved</b>			<b>O</b>
<b>Current NNDR overpayment/credit shown for any financial year if credit balance hasn't been carried forward And where a 'write on' has been used since 1st April 2000</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>O</b>
Cost of calls made to speaking clock and directory enquiries	Yes	Yes – in part	No	M
Persons who have died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I

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Information on costs for early and ill health retirement	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information relating to ICT contracts	Yes	Yes	No	I
The Land Use Class of meat processing in general terms and of boning & cutting of carcasses?	Yes	No – response requested further clarification of request as not strictly FOI – no response from requestor	No	O
Information held with regards to sewer issues 76 High St	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details of staff and budgets relating specifically with energy saving and also with sustainability	Yes	Yes	No	I
<b>Details relating to ICT hardware and maintenance costs</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>I</b>
Details relating to contractors appointed in 1980's	Yes	Yes	No	O

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Expenditure relating to removal of travellers from illegal sites	Yes	Yes	No	M
Public access buildings which have been reported as haunted	Yes	Yes– in part	Yes WCHT	O
<b>List of non-domestic rates assessments in your authority area in excess of £10,000</b>	<b>No - unresolved</b>			<b>I</b>
<b>Amounts for Council Tax Band C for the last 10 years</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>I</b>
Details of organisation who carries out the household waste collection for residual (black bag) waste and recycling waste	Yes	Yes	No	O
How many public health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitor, Duchy, Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrance (QLTR) or Crown Solicitor from November 2011	Yes	Yes	No	O

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Number of registered tattoo artists in the area	Yes	Yes	No	I
Charges for various services in last 3 year	Yes	Yes in part	Yes in part - HCC	M
<b>Number of Non Domestic Rate Paying premises in the Watford Council Area that claiming small business rate relief</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>Empty commercial properties rates payable of £40,000 and above.</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>I</b>
<b>Properties that have any historic credit on their account</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>O</b>
Enquiry concerning your Council and its use, or otherwise, of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.	Yes	No	No	C
Persons who have died with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details relating to changes in pay and effects on budget	Yes	Yes	Yes in part - HCC	M
Any staff attending Queens Diamond Jubilee pageant in June 2012	Yes	Yes in part	Yes in part - HCC	M

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List of empty homes where council tax has not been paid	No	Yes	No	IWB
Amount paid by your authority by way of business rates in relation to your vacant property/accommodation for 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.	No - unresolved			M
Information relating to swimming participation and swimming pools in your local area	Yes	No	Yes - HCC	O
Complaints relating to noise caused by engineering works being undertaken by Network Rail.	Yes	Yes	No	I
Information relating to vacant property case and associated environmental issues	No	Yes	No	I

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How many individuals employed in permanent posts at your local authority were paid through companies rather than through PAYE?	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information with regards to mobile phone contracts	Yes	Yes	No	I
Research into Local Authorities management, ownership, and maintenance of all public buildings	Yes	Yes	No	I
Use of private enforcement contractors (bailiffs) to collect Council Tax/NNDR/parking fines	Yes	Yes	No	O
How many automatic wash/dry toilets you provided via Disabled Facility Grants in 2010/11, and how many so far in this current year?	Yes	Yes	No	I



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Information relating to land that is or was last used for the following three categories -outdoor sports facilities -amenity greenspace - provision for children and teenagers	Yes	Yes	No	M
Information regarding contracts and use of Serco and subsidiary companies	Yes	Yes	No	I
Primates licences issued under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976	Yes	Yes	No	C
Highway inspection records together with all opening/closing notices regarding an accident on the 24 June 2011	Yes	No	Yes - Herts Highways	O
How much the council has spent since and including 2010 refurbishing/repairing two buildings it owns in Exchange Road and The Harebreaks, which were occupied by the charity Age UK Hertfordshire.	Yes	Yes	No	I

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Details of empty properties paying a current rateable value in the councils district above £50,000,	No - unresolved			O
List of all the empty commercial properties within the Council area	No	Yes	No	I
List of all long term empty properties owned by companies in the borough	No	Yes	No	I
Any current contaminated land notices, or entries on the register maintained under section 78R of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, or consultations with any owners or occupiers conducted under section 78G(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990	Yes	Yes - none	No	O
Is coaching made available to staff and to whom	No	Yes	No	I

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<b>Minutes of meetings re Meriden Community Centre and any discussions with WCHT regarding old doctors surgery</b>	No	Yes – in part	No	I
Planning applications received in the following categories (minor, major and other) for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 and time taken for decisions	Yes	Yes – in part	Yes – in part	I
Planning applications 2010-11 and those that fell within greenbelt were approved	Yes	Yes	No	I
105A North Western Avenue - specifically records containing the information necessary to answer questions 3.1 3.7(a) to (f), 3.8, 3.9(a) to (n), 3.11 of the CON29R form.	Yes	No	No	O
Current empty homes list	Yes	Yes	No	I

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Any third sector services and/or projects across all departments that your council commissions, awards grants and/or provides contracts for, that are targeted at or primarily used by women/men?	Yes	Yes	No	M
Premises licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on premises	Yes	Yes	No	I
How many public health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitor	Yes	Yes	No	O
Questionnaire regarding pet shop licences	Yes	Yes	No	O
Contract for road and street signs maintenance awarded to PGM Signs	Yes	Yes	No	I
Anyone who has died with no known next of kin from my last request of 16/11/2011 to the present	Yes	Yes	No	I

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Name of each interim member of staff employed in the financial year 2011/12 at a cost of 400 per day or more	Yes	Yes – none	No	O
Contract for Civil Engineering Works with D R Hansard & Sons	Yes	Yes	No	I
Cost of employers contributions to LGPS. Percentage spent from C/Tax. How many Members contribute to LGPS	Yes	Yes	No	MP
Whether any employees have lone worker protection devices.	Yes	Yes	No	I
How many planning applications have been granted since 1 January 2007, which resulted in the development of land on the metropolitan green belt? How many applications are pending?	Yes	Yes	No	O
Noise Abatement / Noise Enforcement against pianos in the last 5 years	Yes	Yes	No	I

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How many stray dogs entered pounds between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2010?	Yes	Yes	No	I
Has the Council had to reach a settlement with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) in the past 4 years (or if possible to research, 6 years) to pay arrears of National Insurance Contributions under the NIC Aggregation of Earnings rules?	Yes	Yes	No	I
a) The average number of days taken as sick leave by staff directly employed by the council for this and the last financial year b) The total number of staff directly employed by the council c) The average salary of a full time employee	Yes	Yes	No	I

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1. How many councillors does your council have at full strength? 2. How many vacancies are there currently on your council? 3. How many councillors are currently married? 4. How many councillors are currently in a Civil Partnership?	Yes	Yes – in part	No	I
Has the council bought any tickets for Olympic events?	Yes	Yes	No	O
<b>List of all Non-Domestic rate accounts that are currently in receipt of mandatory relief.</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>O</b>
Does the Council have a cross departmental strategy/action plan on human trafficking?	Yes	Yes – in part	Yes – in part	O
Premises with zoo licences	Yes	Yes – none	No	O
People dying with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	I

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How many staff are currently paid less than the nationwide living wage of £7.20 per hour as set out by the Living Wage Foundation	Yes	Yes	No	I
Information about New Homes Bonus funding being spent by your local authority	Yes	Yes	No	M
Operations with third-party providers for Waste management/street cleaning and managing social housing	Yes	Yes – in part	Yes – in part	I
Planning applications received for developments in areas identified by the Environment Agency as Flood Risk Areas (under ss13 and 14 of the 2009 Flood Risk Regulations) in each of the financial years 2007-8, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-2	Yes	Yes	No	M
All Non-Domestic rate accounts that are currently overpaid or in credit.	Yes	Yes	No	O



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List of empty homes that are currently vacant in and around the Watford area	Yes	Yes	No	I
List of licensed dog breeding establishments	Yes	Yes	No	I
details of CCTV systems as they relate to taxis and private hire vehicles	Yes	Yes	No	C
Food standard and hygiene reports carried out for all the hospitals within your area since January 1, 2011.	Yes	Yes	No	I
Amount that WBC have set aside for employee team building programmes for the fiscal year commencing April 2012.	Yes	Yes	No	I
Details of childcare voucher scheme	Yes	Yes	No	O
Procurement that took place in late 2009 / early 2010 for a Property Management System.	Yes	Yes	No	O
Name of ratepayer 23 St Johns Rd if limited company	Yes	Yes	No	O