

**SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS OCT-DEC 2010 (TOTAL 67 )**

<b>REASON FOR REQUEST</b>	<b>RESPONDED WITHIN TIMESCALE?</b>	<b>INFORMATION PROVIDED?</b>	<b>CUSTOMER ADVISED ON ALTERNATIVE LOCATION OF INFORMATION</b>	<b>REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION?</b>
Annual running cost to the Council for each of the 5 Council greens.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
How many Nintendo DSs or DS Lites have the Local Authority purchased in each year from 2004 Which pieces of software, i.e. Nintendo DS or DS Lite games, have been purchased by the Local Authority	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown

Appendix 1

<p>1) How many public space projects did the Council fund, or part-fund, in 2008, 2009 and 2010? For each year please tell me the total cost of the projects.</p> <p>2) How many public space projects does the Council plan to fund, or part-fund, in 2011, 2012, and 2013? For each year please tell me the total cost of the projects.</p> <p>3) How many public space projects funded under Section 106 agreements were granted planning permission by the Council, in 2008, 2009 and 2010? For each year please tell me the total cost of the projects.</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
copies of the Centrepont Steering Committee minutes from May 2009 to present ?	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Questionnaire re childrens public play areas	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Various questions re applications for home adaptations	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Details relating to third sector organisations who receive grant funding	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Number of caravan parks owned and/or operated by WBC	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

Appendix 1

Evaluation of arts projects since 2007	Yes	Yes	No	Individual unknown – possible journalist
<b>Name of the successful tenderer for watford weed control contract 2010 and annual value of contract</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Details re waste collection contract	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
List of every food business within your council area, currently in operation.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Bin policy and the amount collected from fines for bin	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Anyone who has died intestate with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes - none	No	Non WBC resident
As above	Yes	Yes – none	No	Individual – address unknown
As above	Yes	Yes – none	No	Individual – address unknown
Details of current Department structure of your EH team, indicating the numbers of district/specialist officers, principal officers and Chief officers or an equivalent posts...please see attached letter.	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Information that is contained in the public registers that you maintain in accordance with section 8(1) of the Licensing Act 2003.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown

Appendix 1

<b>What use local authorities have made of the powers under the Housing Health and Safety Rating Systems</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>MP</b>
Anyone who has died intestate with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes – none	No	Non WBC resident
As above	Yes	Yes – none	No	Non WBC resident
Research study on plastic scrap/waste products, plastic recycling bodies & their contracts.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Anyone who has died intestate with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes - none	No	Non WBC resident
As above	Yes	Yes – none	No	Non WBC resident
As above	Yes	Yes – none	No	Non WBC resident
<b>List of empty properties</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Individual – address unknown</b>
Information advice and papers considered by the Council when it decided, contrary to government advice, not to refund or make efforts to refund the above fees to personal searchers.	Yes	No	No	Organisation
Further request re above	Yes	Yes in part	No	Organisation
Use of investigatory powers covered by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act since May 12th, 2010?	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident

Appendix 1

<b>Full register or residential freehold properties under ownership of the council, Housing Assn or any other associated Arms Length Management Assn (ALMO) with full breakdown of the tenure and door numbers of all associated residential flats/units</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Non WBC resident</b>
Various information re personal searches and refund of charges	Yes	Yes in part	No	Individual – address unknown
<b>Details of each abandoned/empty building (commercial or residential) owned by the council.</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Individual – address unknown</b>
Would like a full list of all those buildings within the local authority area that meet the criteria specified in the Regulations as requiring them to have a DEC.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Information relating to the local authority's familiarity with the OGC Common Minimum Standards, and the requirement to ensure that all construction workers on public sector sites are registered on the Construction Skills Certification Scheme or similar	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

Appendix 1

<p>Total number of public space CCTV cameras employed by the council and the total cost, in the last financial year, of the fibre transmission lines leased from BT or similar provider e.g. NTL to deliver the video signals from the council's public space CCTV cameras back to the control room. Please advise the company/organisation responsible for maintaining the council's public space CCTV cameras.</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
<p>How much money did the local authority make/how much did they spend from selling/buying personal details of its residents to/from third party organisations in the 2008/09 2009/10 financial year?</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
<p>How much money has the council made from selling personal details in the last two financial years?To which companies has the data been sold?</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
<p>Current value of the outstanding council tax arrears owed to your authority? What is the current value of outstanding parking fines owed to your authority?</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

Appendix 1

<p>Details of the proposed contingent liability in your Council's Statement of Accounts to cover refunds to those persons/organisations charged by you for the following:</p> <p>Personal search fees LLC1 fees</p> <p>Traffic scheme information Building control information</p> <p>Highway information</p> <p>Charges made for planning documentation in excess of the Markinson rate</p> <p>Commons Registration fees</p> <p>LLC1 fees where restrictions were imposed on our members as to the number of personal searches they could conduct and they were forced to undertake LLC1s All other Ei's</p>	Yes	Yes – none	No	Individual – address unknown

Appendix 1

<p>Information to improve efficiencies in services.</p> <p>1. Please complete the questions in the attached spreadsheet relating to use of systems in the format provided.</p> <p>2. Which fields of information from the Full Electoral Roll are added into  a) the LLPG system?  b) the Citizen file (or its equivalent, if you have one)</p> <p>2. Approximately how much debt is recovered by the council each year, in an average 12 month period?</p> <p>3. Approximately how much debt is written off each year, in an average 12 month period?</p>	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Structure of local government and the allowances paid to members	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Information about council away days	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
MD salary and expenses	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown (probably journalist)



Appendix 1

<p>Internal circulars, policies, procedures, guidance materials and related documentation pertaining to:</p> <p>(a) Development of raised platforms / patios</p> <p>(b) Permitted development rights for garden residential structures</p> <p>(c) Planning permission considerations</p> <p>(d) Retrospective planning permission considerations</p> <p>(e) Enforcement action ? criteria for deciding whether or not to pursue enforcement action</p> <p>(f) Cases in Watford where planning permission for raised patios was declined</p> <p>(g) Cases in Watford where enforcement action against raised patios was undertaken</p> <p>(h) Follow-up procedures following enforcement action</p> <p>(i) Dealing with objections from neighbouring properties and the weight given to objections</p> <p>(j) Approaches to assessing impact on privacy and amenity of neighbouring property</p> <p>(k) Detailed guidance on application of the Council?s Planning Enforcement Policy</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes – website</p>	<p>WBC resident</p>
<p>List of all the regeneration services contracts signed by your authority in the 2009/10 financial year with both private and voluntary organisations</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Organisation</p>

Appendix 1

Number of Planning Officers employed	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
<b>Income from and expenditure on onstreet and offstreet parking and traffic provision and enforcement over the past 20 years.</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Individual – address unknown</b>
How many residential tower blocks - 6 storeys and higher - there are in your local authority area	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
(1) What annual (a) affordable (b) market housing target was being used to inform planning decisions in your local authority area on (i) 1st May 2010 (ii) 1st November 2010 (iii) 1st December 2010, and what was the source of each of these targets?  (2) Has the council updated its Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) since January 2010 and, if so, what is the new assessment of affordable housing required?  (3) Is your local authority currently determining or consulting on new annual housing targets and, if so, what are these draft targets? Please provide a copy of any consultation documents.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Council owned public car parks that are regulated by an Off Street Parking Places Order made by the council under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown

Appendix 1

Planning applications for telecommunications equipment/ masts made since 1985	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
<b>Identify the ten landlords who received: the highest total payments of housing benefit in FY2009/10. Please identify how much they receive and for how many properties. Who received the highest total payments of housing benefit in FY2008/09. Please identify how much they receive and for how many properties. Who received the highest total payments of housing benefit in the financial year to date. Please identify how much they receive and for how many properties. The biggest payment made for a single property in a) FY2008/09 b) FY2009/10 c) FY to date.</b>	<b>No - unresolved</b>			<b>Non WBC resident</b>
Empty commercial properties with a rates payable of £18,000 and above	No	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Schedule of all National Non-Domestic Rate accounts in your billing authority area that still have a credit balance from 1 April 1990 to date.	No	No	No	Non WBC resident

## Appendix 1

<b>Owners of properties which have a rateable value in excess of £100,000 on a qualifying industrial hereditament?</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Copy of Annual Treasury Management Strategy Report for 2010/2011?	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Information about your current Accounts Payable processes	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Details of staff using first class travel	Yes	Yes – none	No	Organisation
Accounts for the Hackney Carriage office of Watford Borough Council, between april 2005 and april 2010.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Services outsourced 2000/01 and 2011/11	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
How much the Council has spent on Management consultancy for the financial years: 2007/2008 2008/2009 2009/2010	Yes	Yes	No	Possible WBC resident
Staff breakdown of Watford	Yes	Yes	No	WBC resident
Details of job reductions carried out or proposed, agreed and in the process of being made by the authority in response to Treasury requirements since May, 2010.				Organisation
Details of a severance policy pursuant to the · Any staff retention policies	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident

Appendix 1

Information regarding your employee absenteeism/sickness, specifically the levels of absenteeism for the past 2 years as well as the head count of employees for the same years?	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Organisational structure charts	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Number of staff currently employed as at December 2010	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown