

SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS JAN-MARCH 2011 (TOTAL 107)

REASON FOR REQUEST	RESPONDED WITHIN TIMESCALE?	INFORMATION PROVIDED?	CUSTOMER ADVISED ON ALTERNATIVE LOCATION OF INFORMATION	REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION?
<p>1. Vacant 2010 List Assessment with a Rateable Value greater than or equal to £20,000</p> <p>2. All live 2010 (non Vacant) assessments with a Rateable Value greater than or equal to £20,000</p> <p>3. All 2005 Rating list reductions in Rateable Value where the compiled Rateable Value was originally greater than £15,000 and where the 2000 Rateable Value hasn't been certified</p>	No	Yes	No	Non WBC resident

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<p>4. Your current 2010 Business Rates collection rate (%)</p> <p>5. Your current 2010 Business Rates billing rate (%)......i.e. % of bills get to the rate payers</p>				
<p>List of companies that are eligible to pay business rates in your area</p>	<p>No - unresolved</p>			<p>Individual – address unknown</p>
<p>Commercial premises which are currently vacant and where the rateable value of the property exceeds £25,500</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Individual – address unknown</p>
<p>Business Rates related information for specific properties</p>	<p>No - unresolved</p>			<p>Individual</p>
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<p>List of Council Tax and BID accounts that meet the following criteria:</p> <p>Current overpayment/credit shown for 2008/2009 or any other financial year if credit balance hasn't been carried forward</p> <p>Accounts where a 'write on' has been used since 1st April 2000 to cancel an overpayment which has not since been reversed</p> <p>Ratepayer name Address of property Amount of overpayment/write on Period/financial year relating to overpayment/credit/write on</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Organisation</p>

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Various information relating to the Government plans to introduce the Universal Credit and plans to incorporate Housing Benefit within that structure.	No - unresolved			Organisation
All credits held on your business rates system, as well as credits written away to suspense/control accounts and amounts written off during the last 12 months, which are due to non individuals.	No - unresolved			Organisation
All businesses held on your Food Premises Register	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Who has died with no known next of kin from 23/11/2010 to the present	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident

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All fees you have paid the LGA in addition to your subscription during the last 5 years and details of what these fees related to.	No	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Do staff have access to full Electoral Register and current protocol	No	Yes – part response sent	No	Organisation
Funds allocated to charities 2010/11 & 2011/12	Yes	Yes	No	ITV
Number of vacant plots and number of people on waiting lists for all allotment sites.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Funding for the voluntary sector and intended cuts	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
People buried in communal graves	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
what programmes designed to engage specifically with the Muslim community will be funded by the council?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown

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Details of all contracts Watford Borough Council has with voluntary sector organisations for the provision of services including funding	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
How many names are currently on the waiting list for allotments, and how many plots are currently vacant.	Yes	Yes	No	WBC resident
Current burial space available and any plans to reuse burial plots	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Vacant allotments and waiting list	Yes	Yes	No	Individual
Information on budgets, expenditure, employee reductions etc for young people's services for 2010-11 and 2011-12 and beyond.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Number of home adaptations and waiting list	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Amount paid to voluntary sector 2010/11	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

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Notice and consultations to voluntary sector for changes to funding during 2010/11	Yes	Yes- none	No	Organisation
Use of GIS system	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
How much has the council spent hiring celebrities for council events, campaigns or training from Jan 2008 to date?	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Details regarding postal service	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Details regarding in-house print, copying and graphic design	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Celebrity speakers paid to attend council functions for the years: 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/2008, 2009/2010, 2010/2011.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Details about WBC refuse collection service	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Notices, fines or FPN's issued refuse collections	No	Yes	No	Organisation
People died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

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People died with no next of kin (different period)	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
All businesses held on your Food Premises Register	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
Schemes run or supported by the council which promote the use of reusable (non-disposable) nappies.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual – address unknown
People died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
People died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Copies of documents and other information following court action by EHL	No – unresolved			Non WBC resident
DWA licences issued relating to primates	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Statistics for waste and recycling 2009/10	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Details of estates relating to persons dying with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

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Up-to-date listing of boarding kennels and catteries licensed by the council	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Total number of hot/takeaway food retails within your area.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Information relating to site waste management plans?	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
From October 2010 how many deaths have your council sent or will be sending to the Treasury Solicitor, Duchy of Lancaster or Cornwall or for Scotland the QLTR department.	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Information on empty residential properties.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Information about collection of household waste.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Copies of the most recent food standards and food hygiene reports carried out for all the hospitals within your area.	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident

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Persons who have died intestate and with no living blood relatives being known when they died, from 1st June 2010 to date.	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Persons who have died with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
data concerning residential bulky/special waste collections	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
anyone who has died with no known next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
In the financial year to date, how many employees received redundancy payments	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Value of the top 25 past service reserves for current staff in your council pension fund	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Details of the mileage allowance payments	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

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What was the remuneration package for the council's chief executive in: 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011 2011/12?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Job losses and redundancy payments	No	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Whether your council provides its staff with any guidance to advise them on their use of language when dealing with one another or with the public	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
How many new staff posts your council has created since 1st May 2010?	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Annual figures for the total of current employees / ex-employees of the Council who have signed compromise agreements	Yes	Yes	No	Individual

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Number of Council officials working full time on trade union business and the amount of money spent by the Council funding full time union officials since 2008.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
IT structure prior to any recent restructuring	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Information concerning your current IT/ICT Contracts in place,	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Various information relating to ICT systems and equipment	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
ICT staff, expenditure and procurement process	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Information relating to land charge budget and search fees	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Make and model of the vehicle used for the Mayor? and/or Chairman's and/or Leader of the Council's official engagements. Costs for chauffer/driver	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Charges for Building Regulation Information.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown

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Response to the LGA e-mail 21.6.10 requesting estimates of potential liability for personal search fees wrongly charged.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Information relating to PFI schemes	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Detail all firms and organisations with whom the Council have enjoyed a solicitor/client relationship since 2004 or received documents subject to legal professional privilege?	Yes	No – cost exemption	No	Individual - address unknown
Details relating to restrictions you have continued to impose on personal searchers since September 2005.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Details of Neighbourhood Councils/Committees	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Details of the council's winter maintenance programme	Yes	No – Not WBC	No	Non WBC resident
Details relating to LGA subscription	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown

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Charges set/to be set for searches of the Local Land Charges Register 1.4.11. to 31.3.12.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Details allowances has former Councillor Sheila Smillie claimed for/repaid	Yes	Yes	No	WBC resident
how much the Council has spent outsourcing to either Barristers Chambers or Solicitors at Employment Tribunals for all Council Staff	Yes	Yes	No	Individual
Please confirm the amount (if any) paid under any grants, consultancies or contracts by the public sector to Electoral Reform Society	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Do council staff have access to electoral roll and what are undertakings in relation to staff who use this function	No	Yes	No	Organisation
Public services provided at Post Offices	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation

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Cars bought or leased for Members or council staff	Yes	Yes	No	Non WBC resident
Details relating to equality and diversity assessments	No	Yes	Yes – WBC website	Organisation
Details relating to use of third party debt-recovery agencies used by WBC in the past three years.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
CCTV cameras controlled by WBC and microchips used in refuse bins	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Cut backs Watford Council are making regarding the Governments desire to clear the current financial deficit.	Yes	No. Further clarification sought – no response from requestor	No	WBC resident
Council spend and other documentation on trade union staff, purchasing alcohol for events, town twinning and highest redundancy payments	Yes	No – cost exemption	No	Organisation
Various details relating to use of IT equipment and software	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown

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Long term vacant residential and commercial properties	No	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Revenue and budgets a) Off-street car parks b) On-street parking (meters, pay & display etc) c) Parking permits (residents' and other). d) Other parking charges e) Parking penalties Other details relating to on street parking zones	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Details relating to traffic enforcement officers and PCNs	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Cost of parking permits and council car parks	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Details relating to parking meters and overspend	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Policy on fly posting	Yes	Yes - none	No	Organisation
Section 106 payments to the Council from developers in the Nascot Ward.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown

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Details relating to planning application neighbouring property	Yes	Yes	No	WBC resident
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Copy of all Approved Device Certificates issued to Watford Council by the Vehicle Certification Agency used in the enforcement of parking restrictions	Yes	Yes - none	No	Individual - address unknown
All information publicly displayed on the council's Civil Enforcement Officer (parking) uniform and confirm in each case, what garment that information is written on.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown

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Information relating to Building Control Officer posts, career grading and staff retention	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Salary details of contracted member of staff	Yes	No	No	Organisation
Planning applications for installation of solar panels	Yes	Yes	No	Individual - address unknown
Research project concerning whether Low Impact Development should lead to exceptions within rural planning authorities? decision making process.	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation
Council Tax arrears since 1993	Yes	Yes	No	Organisation