

**SUMMARY OF FOI REQUESTS JULY – SEPT 2012 (TOTAL 102)****Category codes:**

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

<b>CASE REF</b>	<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>	<b>CAT</b>
1010287193	Current grant funding arrangements and contracts that your local authority has with housing associations and other housing providers.	Yes	Yes	No	Unite	O
1010287195	Various information relating to breaches in food law	Yes	Yes in part	No	Individual	I
1010287584	Various information relating to cooling towers	Yes	Yes in part	No	Cieh.org	O
1010287383	Number of council owned vehicles and associated cost	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010287106	Noise assessment methodologies used for predicting noise from Multi Use Games Areas	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I

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1010287035	Details relating to current fixed line provider	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010287627	Value of the council's property portfolio	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010287200	Details including spend on consultancy services for financial year 2011/2012?	Yes	Yes	No	BTS Europe	O
1010287152	Queries relating to draft proposals for extension of school	Yes	No	Yes - HCC	Individual	IWB
<b>1010286978</b>	<b>Details of all live business rates accounts with a 2010 list Rateable Value greater than or equal to £25,000.</b>	<b>No - unresolved</b>			<b>Altus Edwin Chartered Surveyors</b>	<b>O</b>
1010287715	Grants and budgets relating to voluntary and community sector	Yes	Yes	No	Compact Voice	O
1010288265	Information regarding adaptations and disabled facilities grants	Yes	Yes	No	Liz Kendall MP	I

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1010287827	Public Health Funerals carried out by your Authority between 1 March 2012 and date of last response	Yes	Yes	No	Anglia Research	O
1010288111	Persons died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010288156	Copies of policies relating to personal searchers	Yes	Yes	Yes in part – WBC website	Individual	I
1010287630	Council's spending on bottled water	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010287628	Cost of refurbishments that the council have made to their property.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010288262	Various information relating to Local Plan, Governance, Open Market Housing, waiting list management, private sector housing, housing costs & rural economy	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010288080	Details regarding bailiffs used for Revenues and parking	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I

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1010288098	Whether council paid enhanced pensions between 1990 – 2003 and copies of extracts from committee reports	Yes	No	Yes – to refer to WBC minute books	Individual	I
1010288084	Details relating to access and copying details from the land charges register	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010288089	Various information relating to PCN's issued	Yes	Yes	Yes – WBC website	Individual Whatdotheyknow.com	I
<b>1010288151</b>	<b>Council Tax receipts and charges 2011/12 &amp; 2012/13</b>	<b>No - unresolved</b>			<b>Individual</b>	<b>I</b>
<b>1010287712</b>	<b>Theatres in your area and whether they receive any rate relief under section 47 Local Government Finance Act 1988.</b>	<b>No - unresolved</b>			<b>Storeys SSP Ltd</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>1010287633</b>	<b>Rateable value of all vacant commercial premises with a current rateable value over £5,000 within the Authority area and owners details</b>	<b>No - unresolved</b>			<b>Individual</b>	<b>I</b>

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1010288105	Overpayments and credits relating to business rates accounts	No	Yes	No	Colliers International	O
1010288668	Charges set by cemeteries and crematoria services	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010289291	Various details relating to private hire and hackney companies	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010288651	Persons died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes - none	No	Individual	I
1010288784	Amount of funding and staff time given to trade unions	Yes	Yes	No	Taxpayers Alliance	C
1010288654	Details and amount council has spent on agency staff over the past four years.	Yes	Yes – in part	No	Individual	I
1010288649	Various details regarding IT systems used	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I

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1010289319	Copy of this year's electoral register canvass material including leaflets and brochures including any correspondence relating to Section 11 notifications.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010289276	How many homes for social rent (not affordable rent), which have received all necessary approvals, and with financing in place, will be started in each of the next three years in the geographical area under your remit?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010288774	Number of drivers who have been charged with illegally parking in a disabled parking bay and amount of fines	Yes	Yes	No	The Co-operative	O

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1010288735	All exchanges between your Land Charges Department and IDEA (both pre, post and including February 2007) All internal exchanges and reports showing, inter alia, how Council policy (and any replies thereto) was formulated in relation to IDEA correspondence.	Yes	Yes - none	No	Individual	I
1010288733	Details and outcome of review as to whether local authorities can or cannot charge for property search products.	Yes	Yes – in part	No	Individual	I
1010289395	Number of council officers employed to deal with issues concerning the environment or climate change in a) 2010 b) 2011 and c) 2012 and council's budget	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010289638	Number of licensed vehicles across all the districts and boroughs within Hertfordshire.	Yes	Yes	No	HCC	O

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1010289683	Details regarding elected members who were/are members of your authority's pension scheme	Yes	Yes – none	No	Individual	I
1010289925	<p><b>Copies of all internal correspondence sent by key stakeholders of Watford Borough Council to the following named bodies:</b></p> <p><b>1. Watford Health Campus Project</b></p> <p><b>2. Watford Football Club</b></p> <p><b>3. The two proposed developers for the campus project that includes in its content or title "Farm Terrace Allotments"</b></p> <p><b>between 01/07/11 &amp; 31/12/11.</b></p>	No	Yes - none	No	Individual Whatdotheyknow.com	I

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1010289275	Copy of documents of sale or of any documents related to the sale by which the land currently known as Farm Terrace Allotment was transferred to the ownership of the local authority (or any public body which preceded it) from the previous owner along with any details of restrictions on the land use specified at the time.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	IWB
1010289769	All recorded information (including meeting minutes and reports and all internal and external correspondence) on the action your Council considered necessary to take in respect of the LGA's letter of 15 January 2010	Yes	Yes- none	No	Individual	I

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1010289924	How many employees funded by your local authority were paid off-payroll in 2011-12. Please list (a) names of the commercial/corporate institutions who received public funds for off-payroll salaries, for all off-payroll staff who were paid for by any form of company, commercial institution, personal service company or sole trader, over £500, in 2011-12, and please indicate (b) how many staff were paid for in each instance, and (c) the aggregate payments made to each company over £500.	Yes	Yes – none	No	Individual	I
1010289257	Information concerning the effectiveness of local authorities enforcement activities in the private rented sector during the financial year 2011/12 and the current condition of private rented stock in your area.	Yes	Yes	No	Shelter	O

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1010289227	Information relating to the use of IDOX	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010289388	List of NNDR accounts and ratepayers	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010290239	Copy of letter sent to complainant regarding accident and confirmation if staff statements have been disclosed	Yes	No - exempt	No	Laser Planet	O
1010290015	Copy of the council register of premises where cooling towers are located	Yes	Yes	No	GEA Cooling Tower Solutions	O
1010290016	Number of taxi ranks	Yes	Yes	No	National Taxi Assn	O
1010290021	Names of various staff with particular job titles and how many staff earning over £30k	Yes	Yes – in part	No	llyons@publicservice.co.uk	O

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1010290014	Information whether Tesco lorry had been given special dispensation to park across three disabled parking spaces and also WBC policy with regard to issuing PCN's to disabled drivers not displaying blue badge	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010290032	Various details of number of Park Homes sites and residents	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010290405	Number of staff in Planning, how long to process/decide applications, number of planning applications	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010291570	Number of social housing units you are projected to provide over the next 3 years.	Yes	Yes	No	Vailwilliams.com	O
1010291210	Number of various enforcement or statutory notices and FPN's issued	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I

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1010290882	Number of planning applications submitted to committee and number of applications upheld 2011/12	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010291561	Details of commercial premises which are currently vacant and where the rateable value of the property exceeds £25,000	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010291917	Properties that have had an empty rate charge levied at any time since 1st April 2008.	Yes	Yes	No	Exacta PLC	O
1010292083	The number of staff that have access to the Department for Work and Pensions' Customer Information System (CIS and incidents of mis-use/disciplinary action	Yes	Yes	No	Bigbrotherwatch	C
<b>1010292088</b>	<b>Result of the latest food hygiene inspections for each food business.</b>	No	Yes	No	Transparencydata.co.uk	O

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1010292058	Persons died no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010291912	Persons died no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010291920	Various questions regarding disposal of ICT equipment and removal of data.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010291846	Contracts relating to Mears	Yes	No	Yes – WCHT	Credoanalytics.com	O
1010293078	Decision making and process of bringing a local authority service back in-house after it has previously been delivered by a contractor acting for the authority.	Yes	Yes	No	Exelleceinbusiness.com	O
1010291919	List of empty properties that require investment for use as liveable dwelling.	Yes	No	No	Individual	I
1010291829	All responses to the Localising support for council tax in England consultation	Yes	Yes	No	communities.gsi.gov.uk	O

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1010292537	How many homes for affordable rent (not including social rent), which have received all necessary approvals, and with financing in place, will be started in each of the next three?	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010292532	Information about public health funerals	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010292224	The total pre-tax annual financial compensation in the last full financial year, including bonuses, for each of the following: 1) Your highest paid employee 2) Your lowest paid directly-employed employee 3) Your lowest paid agency worker or external contractor worker	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I

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1010292223	What is the oldest local bylaw that you have on record that is still implemented by a department of the district council?	Yes	Yes	No	BBC	M
1010292493	What the incremental costs were over the cost of producing the normal canvass of: · producing and sending Section 11 instructions/forms and/or information · setting up your IT system/database to record section 11 instructions · processing section 11 requests received from voters	Yes	Yes	No	Pro-Gov	O
1010292534	Information relating to legal advice procurement regarding land acquisition and Compulsory Purchase Orders in 2012	Yes	Yes – in part	No	Individual	I
1010292541	Outsourced contracts that you have cancelled since July 1st 2012.	Yes	Yes – none	No	Individual	I

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1010292226	Information relating to parking charges	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010292227	Various information relating to consultations and discussions regarding CTB reform	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010292757	Facts and figures on local housing supply, types and numbers of units needed, numbers that have been planned or built	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010293083	How much did the council spend on tablet computers (including iPads) in the last financial year?	Yes	Yes – none	No	Mail on Sunday	M
1010293299	Entire winning Contract including the supplier's tender for Telecom Networks and Provision of Mobile Solutions for Watford BC which was scheduled to comment in June 2012.	Yes	No	No	K Kom Technology	O

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1010292562	Whether specific Planning Officer has dealt with the planning applications that a resident has submitted for any of his properties	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010293087	Information regarding WBC approach to Green Belt development.	Yes	Yes	No	Reigate & Banstead Council	O
1010292755	All correspondence in respect of a planning application that pertains to the proposed extension to the rear outbuilding, whether they be manuscript notes of telephone conversations, e mails or letters.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
<b>1010292586</b>	<b>Cost of sending council tax related letters.</b>	<b>No - unresolved</b>				<b>I</b>
1010293151	How many people are on the Watford allotments waiting list and how many plots are currently vacant	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I

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1010293469	Land sites designated as contaminated under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act (1990)	Yes	Yes	No	Institution of Environmental Sciences	O
1010293462	Public health funerals that have taken place in the last 6 months	Yes	Yes	No	fraserandfraser.co.uk	O
1010293806	How much paid monthly or annually for leased, hired or loaned vehicles	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010293144	Any correspondence or documents involving Watford Borough Council and the local Sikh community (under the organisation Watford Sikh Association or Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha) between the years 1995 to 1998.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010294163	Copies of correspondence between Local Authority and The Property Codes Compliance Board (also known as The PCCB) since the 1st of January 2012	Yes	Yes – none	No	Intelligent Information	O

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1010293093	Information about Housing Benefit payments for the month of May 2012 paid to private rented sector landlords	No - unresolved			Individual on behalf of the media	M
1010293460	All business premises with a credit held on the account	No - unresolved			Individual	I
1010294474	Information regarding collection and recycling of waste	Yes	Yes	No	Eco Plastics Ltd	O
1010294165	List of all employer's names for CRB certificates processed by your organisation.	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010294798	Information relating to waiting list for accessible homes, occupational therapists and applications for disabled facilities grants	Yes	Yes in part	Yes - HCC	papworth.org.uk	O
1010294956	Persons died with no next of kin	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I

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1010295283	Public health funeral that have been conducted by your local authority	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010294820	Providers of IT Asset Disposal/Recycling & Data Destruction	Yes	Yes -none	No	ice-reuse.co.uk	O
1010295205	Flat 34, Gade Close, Rickmansworth Road, Watford WD18 7JH. Various information relating to planning application and contaminated land	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010295206	Information relating to council tax benefit (CTB) and local council tax support (LCTS):	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I
1010295582	Pest control services provided by the council	Yes	Yes	No	British Pest Control Association	O

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1010295346	Information regarding paragraph 47 of the National Planning Policy Framework, to supply specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years worth of housing against housing requirements and for years 6-10 and, where possible, for years 11-15	Yes	Yes	No	Individual	I