

I am writing to request information on prosecutions carried out by the council under the Vagrancy Act.

This includes prosecutions for offences under the 1824 Vagrancy Act, and any offences amended by the 1935 Vagrancy Act, which include (but are not limited to):

sleeping out; begging (or wandering abroad or being in any street etc to beg or gather alms or causing or procuring any child so to do); trading without being duly licenced; being found on enclosed premises; not having any visible means of subsistence

1) Please tell me how many prosecutions the council carried out for any such offence in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Please ensure the data retains a breakdown by year, and by the specific offence that was prosecuted under the Act (eg sleeping out, begging). If there are other offences prosecuted under the Vagrancy Act not listed above please include these too.

None

2) Secondly (if the information is available) please tell me the cost or estimated cost to the council of carrying out prosecutions under the Vagrancy Act in the calendar years 2018 to 2023 (broken down by year).

N/A