

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the past five years relating to the areas of Victoria Road, Miller's Lane, Medlock Close, Downing Close, Colleen Street, Kent Avenue, Queen Street and Wyre Avenue in Platt Bridge, Wigan.

1. Financial Information. Please provide the total costs incurred for the following activities:

- a. Fly-tipping removal
- b. General rubbish and waste removal
- c. Bonfire debris removal
- d. Environmental, grounds and street-scene maintenance
- e. Any additional clean-up or remedial works carried out in the listed areas

Following initial review of FOI 19005, question 1 (a-e), each relate to 8 areas in Platt Bridge.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case

We do not have financial information split down by area. Further to isolate ad hoc work like fly-tipping removal we would have to go through all enquiries.

Each area has over 100 enquiries relating to it over the past 5 years which would each take approx. 3 minutes to look through.

Calculating this it would take us over the 18 hour admin limit for an FOI.

3 minutes x 100+ enquiries = 5 hours minimum x 8 areas = 40 hours minimum.

2. Staffing and Operational Activity.
Please provide:

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| a. The number of staff visits to these areas in connection with the above activities | Data not held |
| b. The number of visits made by councillors, Members of the Environment team (MEs), and any other council representatives | Data not held |
| c. Details of any work undertaken by neighbourhood teams, environmental officers or related departments | Data not held |

3. Supporting Records. If available, please include any logs, reports or summaries that outline the nature and purpose of these visits or works.	Information would be found via research undertaken through Q1.
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