



Reference: FOI-771

Request:

Please provide me with the following information:

How many Freedom of Information requests has the council refused to disclose information for in the past year, and what were the reasons for these refusals?

Response:

The reason a response for information has been refused is not recorded by the Authority in a way that can be easily extracted. The only way to gather this data would be to manually check every request. 1074 requests were considered under Freedom Of Information legislation and Environmental Information Regulations between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023.

Approximately 40 requests can be searched per hour. To manually search every request received for the specified period would take approximately 27 hours.

Therefore, this request is refused under section 12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

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