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Please ask for: Teresa Evans
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Dear Mr Smith

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information, which we received on 27 July 2017.
Our response is given below.

Dear Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council,
I would like information please on full years;

2014
2015
2016

1. How many licenses does the council issue each year?

We are unable to provide this information year on year because of the way in which we record our information. Our current totals are as stated next to the specific questions.

2. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

Description	14-15	15-16	16-17
VEHICLE LICENSING	£623,144	£672,311	£746,221
ANIMAL LICENSING	£7,560	£8,100	£8,479
GAMBLING ACT	£20,809	£22,869	£24,746
LICENSING ACT	£140,132	£138,292	£154,221
SCRAP METAL	£1,756	£695	£1,919
SEX LICENSING	£1,989	£2,001	£2,049
STREET TRADING	£36,433	£22,785	£11,424

3. How many staff does the council have in the licensing department?

12

4. More specifically how many of the following do you employ;

a. Licensing support officers?

4.5 fte

b. Licensing support supervisors?

0

c. Environmental health officers?

3 Environmental Health Officers 2.6 FT

d. Environmental health supervisors?

2 supervisors =1 FTE

e. Enforcement officers?

6.6 fte

f. Other?

1 Team Leader

3 support staff =1.8FTE

5. How many Animal licenses and permits do you issue each year?

Boarding Establishments – 45

Breeding establishments – 5

Performing Animals Registration – 5

Pet shops – 11

Riding Establishments - 4

a. How long does a license last for?

All 1 year except Performing Animals Registrations which are indefinite.

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

See response question 2.

6. How many Food, drink and entertainment licenses do you issue each year?

Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates – 621

a. How long does a license last for?

Indefinitely

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

See response question 2.

7. How many scrap metal dealer's Licenses do you issue each year?

29

a. How long does a license last for?

3 years

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

See response question 2.

8. How many Health and beauty licenses do you issue each year?

2014 = Approx. 34

2015 = Approx. 50

2016 = Approx. 45

a. How long does a license last for?

Indefinitely

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

2014 = £4086.70

2015 = £4532.75

2016 = £4067.20

9. How many Transport (including Taxi licenses) and streets licenses do you issue each year?

Private Hire Drivers – 2238

Private Hire Vehicles – 2021

Hackney Carriage Drivers – 189

Hackney Carriage Vehicles – 168

Private Hire Operators – 47.

a. How long does a license last for?

Private Hire/Hackney Carriage drivers – 3 years

Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Vehicles – 1 year

Private Hire Operators – 1 year for the first application, 5 years for subsequent renewals.

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

See response question 2.

10. How many Business and trading licenses do you issue each year?

Information for this question is provided in the response to question 6.

a. How long does a license last for?

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

11. How many House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) licenses do you issue each year? See table below

a. How long does a license last for? See table below

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

	2014	2015	2016
Number	12	12	7
Duration	5 years	5 years	5 years
Cost	£500	£500	£750

We do not hold records of the actual annual value of the licences as the duration of the licence is 5 years and we have very few licenced HMOs. As a result some years we have some income while in others we do not. Further, in order to improve the support for landlords, discounts are

offered if the landlord is a member of one of a number of landlords associations.

12. How many Selective licenses do you issue each year?

Nil

a. How long does a license last for?

N/A

b. What is the total sterling value of these licenses per year?

N/A

I trust this information is of interest and assistance. If however you are dissatisfied with the response you have received and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the following address or reply to the email to which this letter is attached:

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Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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