Further to your Information request FOI64049, please find your questions and our responses below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request details of whether your Local Authority has sold any electoral roll data.

Please provide me with answers to the following questions:

1) The name of the purchaser of the data (or a suitably anonymous identification which indicates whether the purchaser was an individual or an organisation)

2) The total revenue from the selling of electoral roll data

I would request that the period covered is 1st May 2007 – 1st May 2012. (But do not request the information be broken down by years)

Please break down your response by the sales concerning the full register and sales of the edited register.

Response: Please see attached.

This concludes your request FOI64049.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

Information Management Team Manager
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
Town Hall, St Ives Road
Maidenhead
SL6 1RF

or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

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http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/foi_information_request_statistics.htm

We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to
receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding sale of the electoral roll data by the Local Authority. The Local Authority is not entitled to sell on the Electoral Roll data. The registration of electors is governed by the Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended. Under Section 8 of the Act, the council must appoint an officer of the council to be the registration officer for any constituency or part of a constituency coterminous with or situated in the council's area. The appointment as Electoral Registration Officer is separate to my appointment as Chief Executive and, although appointed by the council, the Electoral Registration Officer’s responsibilities and duties are personal. An example of this is that the register of electors is deemed to be the property of the Electoral Registration Officer, not the local authority.

The Electoral Registration Officer does not carry out the duties on behalf of the local authority but in his own personal capacity. A list of public bodies and local authorities that are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act is available at the following website:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/schedule/1

As you will see, the Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. It follows that the Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer or any other person appointed under the Act are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

Details of persons and organisations that are entitled to receive free copies or to be sold copies of the register of electors are governed by Regulations 97 – 114 of the Representation of the People Regulations 2001, as amended.

Notwithstanding that there is no statutory obligation to provide this information, I can confirm that any sales of the register by the Electoral Registration Officer since 2007 have been made in accordance with the above legislation and have totalled between £2,000 and £2500 a year for the period in question.

The Local Authority is not entitled to sell on the Electoral Roll data.

Prepared on behalf of Ian Trenholm
Electoral Registration Officer