I am writing on behalf of Chris Daniels to respond to your information request regarding the Register of Electors. I have been provided with the following by the Electoral Registration office:

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. I work on behalf of the appointed officer for the registration area of Windsor and Maidenhead. The appointment as Electoral Registration Officer is separate to the appointment as Head of Legal Services 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/her 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, however for transparency we are responding to your questions as follows.

The information you have asked for in the latest request is something that is not held by the Electoral Registration Officer as it is not possible to separate the costs requested from wider costs. Furthermore, the Electoral Registration Officer does not hold the amount of time Electoral registration officers spent in relation to section 11.

This concludes your request.

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 foi@rbwm.gov.uk

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

We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team – please take a few moments to complete & return the feedback form below either by e-mail to foi@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address below.

Yours sincerely

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