Further to your Information request FOI64613 please find your questions and our responses below:

Questions:

I am writing to request details under the Freedom of Information Act on spending by councillors, senior council officers and other council staff using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar

More specifically:

1. How many councillors are currently authorised to use purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar?

2 a) The total amount spent by councillors using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2011/12
b) The total amount spent by councillors using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2010/11
c) The total amount spent by councillors using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2009/10
d) The total amount spent by councillors using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2008/09
e) The total amount spent by councillors using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2007/08

3. Please also provide a copy of the card statements, 'management information' or line-by-line data for each card (in a xls or csv format) giving a breakdown of the spending, including the name of the councillor/authorised card user(s), the date of each transaction, the merchant paid, the transaction amount, the transaction description and any other description held on record to explain each transaction.

4. How many senior council staff are currently authorised to use purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar?

5. a) The total amount spent by senior council officers using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2011/12
b) The total amount spent by senior council officers using purchase cards/procurement cards/p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2010/11
c) The total amount spent by senior council officers using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2009/10

d) The total amount spent by senior council officers using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2008/09

e) The total amount spent by senior council officers using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2007/08

6. Please also provide a copy of the card statements, 'management information' or line-by-line data for each card (in a xls or csv format) giving a breakdown of the spending, including the name of the senior council officer/authorised card user(s), the date of each transaction, the merchant paid, the transaction amount, the transaction description and any other description held on record to explain each transaction.

7. How many other council staff are currently authorised to use purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar?

8. a) The total amount spent by other council staff using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2011/12

b) The total amount spent by other council staff using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2010/11

c) The total amount spent by other council staff using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2009/10

d) The total amount spent by other council staff using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2008/09

e) The total amount spent by other council staff using purchase cards/procurement cards/'p-cards'/council credit cards or similar in 2007/08

9. Please also provide a copy of the card statements, 'management information' or line-by-line data for each card (in a xls or csv format) giving a breakdown of the spending, including the name of the council worker/authorised card user(s), the date of each transaction, the merchant paid, the transaction amount, the transaction description and any other description held on record to explain each transaction.

Please note, senior officers are to be taken as those defined as chief officers in the Localism Act 2011 (s43(2))
Response: This is a Section 17 Refusal Notice. I have been advised that the work required to provide an accurate response would take in excess of 18 hours. S12 (1) Exceeds the appropriate limit – exemption applies.

This concludes your request FOI64613.

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:

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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 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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