Further to your Information request FOI64981 please find your questions and our responses below:

a) How many Benefit Fraudsters have you identified in the last 5 years.

Response: Of the 2000 cases referred we have issued 416 sanctions/prosecutions and 200 other non-sanctioned but fraud proven.

b) Of those individuals how many were prosecuted?

Prosecutions 88 ... Administrative penalties 270.....Cautions 64 Since April 2008 to March 2013.

c) What is the total outstanding ‘debt’ to the council resulting from benefit fraud ?

d) Of those prosecuted how much money have you recovered?

e) How much of the ‘debt’ has the council written off?

Response: We are applying the following exemption to the rest of the request.

This is a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The relevant exemption is:

12 (1) Where costs exceed the appropriate limit.

(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The Fees Regulations state that this cost limit is £600 for central government and £450 for all other public authorities. Such costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person for all authorities regardless of the actual cost or rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if these activities exceed 18 hours.

This concludes your request FOI64981

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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or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@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 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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