



Reference: FOI0529

**Request:**

I am keen to know the extent to which food justice and/or tackling food poverty is embedded in what the council does, and whether the Council has made use of section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to grant emergency support to tackle hunger.

I am interested in knowing:

1. Is there a Cabinet Portfolio holder with responsibility for food poverty?

There is no specific Cabinet portfolio for food poverty; however in relation to section 17 of the Children Act 1989, this would fall under the remit of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

2. Is the council part of a Food Partnership or Food Alliance which covers the boundaries of the council?

The Authority is part of a Regional Food Group. However this is for the regulation of standards of food premises purposes only.

3. How many times has the Council provided support under the Financial Assistance Section 17 (s17) Children Act 1989 to tackle hunger in the last 12 months?

This information is not held separately. To provide this information would require a search of all referrals, contacts and open cases. This calendar year there have been 11,790.

Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.