

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200187**
Date FOI Received: **26/02/2020**
Department: **Waste and recycling**
Title: **Abandoned vehicles policy**
Description: **Details of the Council's abandoned vehicles policy and the number of incidents for 2017-2019 and their outcome.**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Our councillors were asked by the Local Residents Associations to help clear up the number of abandoned vehicles and trailers that are being left on the roadside. Our Council resolved to undertake an Audit of how each council across Herts treat abandoned vehicles and the number of infringements which lead to fines or prosecution. With this in mind, may we please request the following under a Freedom of Information request.

1. A copy of your Councils internal working policy, outlining the beginning, when you receive correspondence/phone call relating to an abandoned vehicle, to the end, removal/fine/prosecution etc. (PDF format preferable)
2. The number of reported incidents for the whole district/borough for the past 3 full years, 2017-2019 (if reported by financial year then the last 3 full financial years will be fine)
3. The number of incidents which led to the vehicle/trailer being removed for the past 3 years, by year
 - a. Of those incidents (3.) how many were removed from private land, by year
 - b. Of those incidents (3.) the number of vehicles that were destroyed, by year
 - c. Of those incidents (3.) the number of vehicles that were sold at auction, by year
 - d. Of those incidents (3.) the number of vehicles that were were collected by the owner, by year
4. The number of Fixed penalty notices that were issued in the past 3 years, by year
 - a. How many of the fines issued were paid
5. The number of abandoned vehicle incidents which led to prosecutions that were issued in the past 3 years, by year
 - a. Of these prosecutions how many were successfully prosecuted for the offence
6. Does your council ever offer a vehicle amnesty where they remove unwanted vehicle/trailers for free?
7. Does your Council offer a chargeable service to remove a vehicle/trailer?
 - a. If Yes, How much do you charge for removal?

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. This is not available

Please find attached completed spreadsheet for questions 2-7.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to

information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

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Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services

Question	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Totals
2. Number of reported incidents of abandoned vehicles/trailers	353	198	146	697
Of these:				
3. Number of abandoned vehicles/trailers removed	29	12	6	47
Of these:				
a. Number of abandoned vehicles/trailers removed from private land	None	None	1	1
b. The number of abandoned vehicles that were destroyed	29	12	6	47
c. The number of abandoned vehicles that were sold at auction	None	1	None	1
d. The number of abandoned vehicles that were collected by the owner from storage after removal	None	None	None	0
4. The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) that were issued for the offence of abandoning a vehicle/trailer	We don't issue FPN's			0
a. How many of these FPN's were paid?	N/A			0
5. The number of abandoned vehicle/trailer incidents which led to prosecutions?	N/A			0
a. Of these prosecutions how many were successfully prosecuted for the offence?	N/A			0
6. Does your council ever offer a vehicle amnesty where they remove unwanted vehicle/trailers for free?	No			
7. Does your Council offer a chargeable service to remove a vehicle/trailer?				
a. If Yes, How much do you charge for removal?				

Yes but dependent on work required, therefore cannot give a fixed figure.