

Open data

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Transparency code

The information below is provided in accordance with the  [Local Government Transparency Code 2015 \[1001.47KB\]](#).

Spending over £500

In our plans and spending section you can find lots of information on our budgets and spending. This also includes a list of [our spending over £500](#).

Government procurement card transactions

We do not use Government Procurement cards.

Procurement information

As part of the government's initiative to implement e-procurement, we advertise of our contract opportunities on the [Chest North West](#) procurement portal.

Officer salaries

We publish full details of all our [Senior officers pay](#).

Council structure

You can find a copy on the Council [structure page](#)

Council constitution

The articles of the constitution set out the basic principles that underlie the way the council operates. This can be found on the [Council constitution page](#).

Local authority land

We publish details of all our [land and building](#) assets annually

Brownfield Register

The [brownfield land register](#) identifies land suitable for housing to provide up-to-date, good quality and transparent information on local availability.

Details of counter fraud work

We publish details of [counter fraud](#) work carried out by us

Planning applications and decisions

To view Planning applications and decisions in the Bolton area please visit our [Public access](#) section.

Business Rates Accounts

You can view new occupiers and empty properties business rates [information](#)

Car Parking Account

A breakdown of the income and expenditure on the [parking account](#).

Parking Spaces

Find information on [parking spaces](#)

Councillor allowances and expenses

Each year we publish a list of [what our Councillors are allowed to claim as expenses](#).

Council minutes and papers

We publish information about the [local Councillors](#) for Bolton and the committees which make all the major decisions for the council.

You can find the minutes of all our official council meetings in the [meetings section](#).

Food hygiene reports for food outlets

[Search for Food Hygiene Ratings](#) to find recent food safety inspection results of restaurants and takeaways in Bolton. The [food hygiene rating data](#) are available via an application programming interface (API) in XML and JSON formats.

See the [Food Standards Agency open data](#) page for more information.

Job vacancies

All our job vacancies are advertised in the [Council jobs section](#).

Trade unions

See information relating to [Trade Unions](#)

Licensing applications and decisions

You can view details of the following types of licenses from our [public registers page](#):

- Street Traders
- Cooling towers
- Register of Personal Licences (Licensing Act 2003)
- Register of Licensed Premises (Licensing Act 2003)
- Register of Gambling Premises (Gambling Act 2005)
- Hackney Carriages, Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operators

Environmental – Permitted Processes

You can view the [register](#)

Pay Multiple

The pay multiple is defined as the ratio between the highest taxable earnings for the given year (including base salary, variable pay, bonuses, allowances and the cash value of any benefits in kind) and the median earnings figure of the whole of the authority's workforce.

The pay multiples for the current period are set out below. Two calculations are provided:

- The ratio between the highest paid salary (£169,081) and the median salary of the whole of the workforce (£20,541). This multiple is 1:8.2
- The ratio between the highest paid salary (£169,081) and the lowest salary (£17,007). The pay multiple for 2018/19 is 1:9.9