

Information Governance Report

Responses to Requests

Period: 01/09/2011 - 30/09/2011

Type	Sub Enquiry ID	Date Received	Date Responded	Service	Enquiry Details	Response Details
Public Bodies	10323	03/08/2011	01/09/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Trade union</p> <p>To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total amount of money paid to all trade unions for financial periods a) 2009-10 and b) 2010-11 broken down by trade union. 2. For each trade union for which it applies, please provide the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff working for the union (this is sometimes called 'Trade Union facility time') in a) 2009-10 and b) 2010-11 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>For 2009/10 the number and cost of full time release of Trade Union officers is as follows:</p> <p>Unison - 2 full time release officers at a cost of £66,696 pa. GMB - 3 full time release officers at a cost of £99,837 pa (including 1 temporary release). Unite - 3 full time release officers at a cost of £109,026 pa (including 1 temporary release).</p> <p>For 2010/11 the number and cost of full time release of Trade Union officers is as follows:</p> <p>Unison - 2 full time release officers (full year) at a cost of £66,696 pa. GMB - 3 full time release officers at a cost of £99,837 pa (including 1 temporary release). Unite - 3 full time release officers at a cost of £109,026 pa (including 1 temporary release).</p>
Public	10325	03/08/2011	01/09/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Formal grievances by staff members</p>	<p>Summary:</p>

					<p>1. How many staff grievances were taken out in each of the last 5 financial years?</p> <p>2. How many of these grievances had any part of them upheld (in each of the last 5 financial years)?</p> <p>3. What were the 5 most frequent subjects of all grievances in each of the last 5 financial years?</p> <p>4. What were the 5 most frequent subjects of upheld grievances in each of the last 5 financial years?</p> <p>5. Approximately how many members of staff were employed by the council in each of the last 5 financial years?</p>	<p>The information required to answer Q1-4 is not held centrally. To provide such information would require an officer to manually trawl through all personnel files held over the last 5 years, which will exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>5. Please see below table which details the number of staff employed by the Council in the last 4 years. Please note we are unable to provide figures for 2007 as a number of staff were recorded on a different payroll system and so our reports are unable to produce accurate figures.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>No. of staff</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>12,453</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>12,411</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	No. of staff	2008	12,453	2009	12,411
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						<p>images on Council computers. However the Council's network has been set up to prevent staff from accessing certain types of websites.</p> <p>Please also find attached a section of the Council's ICT code of conduct that may be of interest to you.</p>
Media	10335	03/08/2011	01/09/2011	Finance	<p>Subject: Taxi spend - Council employees and Elected members</p> <p>I would like to request the following information; The total sum of money spent by your council on licensed taxis, private hire taxis, limousines and first class train travel for all elected members and council employees between April 6th 2010 and April 5th 2011 inclusive.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The total spend is £872,066. The majority of this figure (approximately £700,000) is predominantly for the transport of children and vulnerable/ disabled adults. Please note we do not use limousines and we have included the total spend for all business related transport fares and not first class train tickets as requested.</p>
Voluntary Sector	10339	04/08/2011	01/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Occupational therapy assessment and Respite care</p> <p>See attached questionnaire: SECTION ONE: Community occupational therapy assessment</p> <p>SECTION TWO: Provision of respite care</p> <p>SECTION 3: Practical support and home care services</p> <p>SECTION 4: Access</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached completed questionnaire.</p>

Media	10338	04/08/2011	02/09/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Council employees earning less than £8.30</p> <p>1. How many people who are currently employed directly by the council earn less than £8.30 an hour? For each person, please provide their job title.</p> <p>2. How many people who are currently employed by any of the council's sub-contractors earn less than £8.30 an hour? For each person, please provide their job title and the company they work for.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There are no directly employed employees that earn less than £8.30 per hour.</p> <p>2. We are not able to confirm if there are any of the council's subcontracted staff earning less that £8.30 per hour.</p>
Public	10340	04/08/2011	02/09/2011	Information Governance [IS External Requests]	<p>Subject: Details of staff for Risk Management and Information Governance</p> <p>I would like to request for the following information under the FOI Act 2000.</p> <p>1. What is the Job Title of the Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO)</p> <p>2. How many Full time and Part-time post are there in the Information Governance Team?</p> <p>3. Do you have an Information Steering/ Management or Similar Group that deals with information</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Head of Information Governance, who is located in the Resources Directorate. There is also a Head of Complaints and Member Enquiries, located in Democratic Services who is responsible for dealing with Freedom of Information and Data Protection Act requests.</p> <p>2. The Head of Information Governance is the only post within the Information Governance Team. However, within Democratic Services, there is a Complaints and Member Enquiries Team which deal with complaints, Member Enquiries, FoI requests, DPA and Information</p>

					<p>Governance? If yes please provide their Job Titles</p> <p>4. What is the average cost in salaries per year for the whole team?</p> <p>5. Is there a Full time or Part time post responsible for the following information Governance areas?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data Protection 2. Freedom of Information 3. Caldecott Guardian 4. Information Security 5. Records Management <p>If not tell me which of these responsibilities are held by one person and what their job title is.</p>	<p>requests. Within that team there are two officers who deal primarily with FoI requests and two officers who deal with DPA and Information requests. However, there is also a manager who has a number of responsibilities including these areas.</p> <p>3. Yes. Chief Information Officer.</p> <p>4. The four officers that are working primarily in this area are graded PO1/PO2 which attracts a salary of £29,601 to £33,510, excluding of costs. It is not possible to quantify exactly how much time managers spend in this area owing to the fact that this is just one area of their responsibilities.</p> <p>5. The Head of Information Governance is ultimately responsible for these areas, but as previously stated; officers within the Complaints and Member Enquiries Team are responsible for dealing with requests for information.</p>
Public	10342	04/08/2011	02/09/2011	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Documents regarding repair on footpath at Skeffington Road, E6</p> <p>I write in relation to formally obtain all documents, reports, minutes of meeting, records of inspection and any other like documents relating to the decision to repair of the footpath at Skeffington Road, East Ham (E6), opposite a children clothing shop called Adam which is no longer there</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached all highways inspection records and maintenance works for High Street North, which covers the location of Skeffington Road junction as requested.</p> <p>Please note, there are no such minutes of meetings or other such reports other than the attached that will lead to a decision for generic footpath repairs.</p>

					or Bismillah store.	Furthermore, disclosure of names of employees is private to the individuals concerned, and is exempted under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. This provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals (directly or indirectly) would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act 1998. There is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in disclosure.
Public	10346	04/08/2011	02/09/2011	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: CCTV enforcement</p> <p>1) Do you utilise CCTV for parking enforcement? This includes static, moving traffic and bus lane enforcement.</p> <p>2) If not, does the Local Authority have any plans of introducing CCTV parking enforcement within the next 5 years?</p> <p>3) If yes, how many cameras do you operate for parking enforcement (static/ moving traffic/ bus lanes) within your borough?</p> <p>4) Which days and times do you carry out CCTV enforcement?</p> <p>5) Do you utilise CCTV vehicles for parking enforcement? If so, how many vehicles do you operate? And what days and times to these vehicles</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) The Council does utilise CCTV for parking enforcement including static, moving traffic and bus lane enforcement.</p> <p>2) Not applicable.</p> <p>3) Please see attached document which provides the number of CCTV cameras the Council operates for parking enforcement within Newham.</p> <p>4) Please see attached document which provides a list of the days and times we carry out CCTV enforcement.</p> <p>5) The Council utilises 2 CCTV vehicles for parking enforcement. They operate on Mon-Sat 08:00-18:00.</p> <p>6) Please see attached document that provides a list of all the parking enforcement camera locations.</p>

				<p>operate?</p> <p>6) Can you please provide a list of all your parking enforcement camera (fixed/ wireless) locations and their primary/ secondary purpose? If you have exact Longitude and Latitude coordinates, please provide these.</p> <p>7) How many of these cameras are fixed and how many are wireless (moveable)?</p> <p>8) How many of total cameras operated are for bus lane enforcement?</p> <p>9) If you use wireless cameras (moveable), on average, how often is the camera moved?</p> <p>10) Can you please provide the total number of PCNs issued and the revenue generated for the last three financial years for:-</p> <p>a. Static CCTV PCNs b. Moving Traffic PCNs c. Bus lane PCNs</p>	<p>7) There are approximately 5 wireless cameras.</p> <p>8) There are 41 cameras in Newham operated for bus lane enforcement.</p> <p>9) The wireless cameras the Council utilises are fixed and to date, have not moved location.</p> <p>10) Please see below table that provides the total number of PCNs issued and the revenue generated for the last three financial years:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Valid PCNs Issued</th> <th>2008/09</th> <th>2009/10</th> <th>2010/11</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Static CCTV PCNs</td> <td>90333</td> <td>80316</td> <td>245,188</td> <td>74539</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moving Traffic PCNs</td> <td>28461</td> <td>15301</td> <td>69,389</td> <td>25627</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus Lane PCNs</td> <td>14687</td> <td>6642</td> <td>27,896</td> <td>6567</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>133,481</td> <td>106,808</td> <td>102,184</td> <td>342,473</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Revenue generated (£)</th> <th>2008/09</th> <th>2009/10</th> <th>2010/11</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Static CCTV</td> <td>3,404,504</td> <td>£3,056,553</td> <td>9,240,460</td> <td>2,779,403</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moving Traffic</td> <td>1,300,069</td> <td>£657,014</td> <td>3,101,252</td> <td>1,144,169</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus Lane</td> <td>603,147</td> <td>271,289</td> <td>£263,455</td> <td>1,137,891</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of Valid PCNs Issued	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total	Static CCTV PCNs	90333	80316	245,188	74539	Moving Traffic PCNs	28461	15301	69,389	25627	Bus Lane PCNs	14687	6642	27,896	6567	Total	133,481	106,808	102,184	342,473	Revenue generated (£)	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total	Static CCTV	3,404,504	£3,056,553	9,240,460	2,779,403	Moving Traffic	1,300,069	£657,014	3,101,252	1,144,169	Bus Lane	603,147	271,289	£263,455	1,137,891
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Voluntary Sector	10341	04/08/2011	02/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Expenditure on advocacy</p> <p>- Would you be able to provide me with your council's 2010/11 expenditure on advocacy and the 2011/12 budgeted spend on advocacy please?</p> <p>- And if possible, the same for learning disability advocacy?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Through the Children's Rights Service, CYPS provides advocacy for looked after children. This includes a service for children and young people with SEN, learning disabilities and disabled children. The 2010/11 expenditure was £51,576. The 2011/12 budget is £42,364.</p> <p>The contract for Advice and Advocacy (for Adults Services) is currently out to tender, therefore this information is exempt from</p>

						<p>disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Section 43(2) Commercial interests: Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham will not disclose information that would prejudice the commercial interests any company. Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities, we consider that, in this case, there is a greater public interest in non-disclosure.</p>
Public	10361	05/08/2011	02/09/2011	Recycling, Cleansing and Waste collection Policy	<p>Subject: Consultation for re-cycling bins</p> <p>I would also like to submit a freedom of information request as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did Newham undertake a consultation with regard to re-cycling bins? 2. How many households were consulted? 3. What is this as a percentage of households in Newham? 4. How many people responded to the consultation? 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newham Council didn't undertake any formal consultation with regards to the recycling bins. 2. Not applicable, as no consultation was undertaken. 3. Not applicable, as no consultation was undertaken. 4. Not applicable, as no consultation was undertaken. 5. Not applicable, as no consultation was undertaken. 6. Not applicable, as no consultation was undertaken.

					<p>5. What is this as a percentage of total households in Newham?</p> <p>6. What were the specific options for consultation presented in the consultation with respect to re-cycling receptacles?</p>	
Public	10417	15/08/2011	02/09/2011	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject: Structure chart FOI, DPA, EIR, IS</p> <p>Please supply me with an up-to-date copy of your current structure chart or charts, to include posts which are dedicated to processing subject access requests, freedom of information requests and environmental information requests, to include job title, salary band and Whole/Full Time Equivalent.</p> <p>If you do not have a post or posts which are dedicated to processing subject access requests, freedom of information requests and environmental information requests, can you please provide me with an overview of the arrangements you have in place for dealing with these types of requests within your organisation.</p> <p>Over the last two financial years how many Whole/Full Time Equivalent Information specialists has your organisation employed who deal the following and how many do you anticipate employing in 2011/12?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Complaints and Member Enquiries Team, located in Democratic Services, is responsible for processing Subject Access Requests, Freedom of Information Requests and Environmental Information Requests. However, this team also deals with Member Enquiries and Complaints. Within that team there are two officers who deal primarily with FoI requests and two officers who deal with DPA and Information Sharing Requests. There is also a manager and the Head of Complaints and Member Enquiries, who have a number of responsibilities, including these areas. The four dedicated full time officers are all Complaints and Member Enquiries Officers, graded at PO1/PO2 which attracts a salary of between £29,601 to £33,510, excluding on costs.</p> <p>2. The number of staff employed in this area has remained more or less the same over the three years. However, depending on priorities and number of requests, the number of officers allocated is flexible and constantly being reviewed.</p>

					<p>Please provide the following information:</p> <p>Number of staff (WTE/FTE) 2009/2010 2010/11 2011/12 (anticipated)</p> <p>Data Protection Freedom of Information</p> <p>Information Sharing</p> <p>EIR Requests Information Security</p>	
Public	10377	08/08/2011	05/09/2011	Communications	<p>Subject: Mayor's Show/ Under the Stars breakdown of costs</p> <p>I would like a breakdown of the costs to the London Borough of Newham of both the Mayor's Show and 'Under the Stars' held on Central Park in 2010.</p> <p>I would like this to include the salary and associated overhead costs for London Borough of Newham staff involved before, during and after the events and the cost of repairing the damage done to the fabric of the part as a result of these events.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The forecasted total spend for the Mayor's Newham Show 2010 was £429,000.00. The actual total spend was £412,463.85.</p> <p>Please see below full breakdown for The Mayor's Newham Show 2010:</p> <p>Premises License: £4,100.00 Production - Technical, infrastructure, crew, etc: £245,132.43 Stage: £10,875.00 Lighting: £3,575.00 Acts and Performers: £33,539.74 Security: £56,014.61 Marketing - Advertising: £26,143.44 Marketing- Other: £4,146.87 Catering: £7,205.00 Decoration: £5,521.00 Technical: £3,095.00 Consumables: £3,115.76</p>

						<p>Park Remedial: £10,000.00 TOTAL: £412,463.85</p> <p>The forecasted total spend for the Under The Stars 2010 was £397,000.00. The actual total spend was £391,528.04.</p> <p>Please see below full breakdown for the Under The Stars 2010:</p> <p>Marketing: £32,212.48 Production: £211,079.16 Acts and Performers: £68,077.34 Security: £54,852.06 Catering: £2,190.00 Decoration: £216.00 Ancillary - License Fees, Photography, Public Notices, etc: £12,901.00 Park Remedial: £10,000.00 TOTAL: £391,528.04</p> <p>With regards to salary and associated overhead costs for London Borough of Newham staff involved before, during and after the events, the delivery of both of these two events is part of the Event Teams work schedule throughout the year and no overtime is paid to any member of staff for working at any of our events.</p>
Public	10374	09/08/2011	05/09/2011	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Local Housing Allowance</p> <p>1. How many local housing allowance claims did your borough have in total in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. 2008/09: 4,892 2009/10: 9,447</p>

					<p>2. How many new local housing allowance claims did your borough have in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11?</p> <p>3. How many local housing allowance claimants do you have where their current rent is above the LHA caps?</p> <p>4. How many households did you assist to rent in the private sector (Homeless Prevention) in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11?</p> <p>5. How many households do you have in temporary accommodation (including B&B) in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11?</p>	<p>2010/11: 11,795</p> <p>2. 2008/09: 4,892 2009/10: 5,093 2010/11: 4,094</p> <p>3. There are currently 117 claimants, whose rents are above the LHA cap. However, Newham's local housing allowance has always been below the national cap and therefore this has had no affect on the amount of LHA awarded to these claimants.</p> <p>4. 2008/09: 1,197 2009/10: 1,350 2010/11: 1,062</p> <p>5. 2008/09: 4,482 2009/10: 3,526 2010/11: 2,710</p>
Public	10385	10/08/2011	05/09/2011	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p>Subject: Spend on supply teaching/ support staff</p> <p>I am seeking a summary of the amount of money spent by each Newham school or educational setting during the 2010/2011 financial year on Supply Teaching/support staff via an Agency.</p> <p>A simple spreadsheet showing the name of the school and the amount spent would suffice at this point.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached spreadsheet. We have provided information for 2010/2011 as requested.</p>
Solicitors	10433	15/08/2011	05/09/2011	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Inspections - West Ham</p>	<p>Summary:</p>

					<p>Lane</p> <p>Location: Outside 47a West Ham Lane E15</p> <p>1) The date of your last pre-accident inspection of this location. 2) The frequency of inspections 3) How inspections were carried out (on foot/slow moving vehicle) 4) confirmation if any defects were noted at the time of your last pre-accident inspection.</p> <p>5)Have any Section 81 notices been issued to our clients (Thames Water Utilities Limited).</p>	<p>1) 14/06/2010. 2) Every 3 months. 3) Inspections were carried out on foot. 4) No defects were noted. 5) No Section 81 notices (Apparatus defect) have been issued for this location.</p>
Organisati on	10440	17/08/2011	05/09/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject: Accommodation for children</p> <p>1. The number of beds available for fulfilling Newham's obligations under s21(2)(b) of the Children Act 1989; 2. The number of times in the past year Newham has been contacted and asked to receive, and provide accommodation for, children under s38(6) PACE 1984; 3. The number of times in the past year Newham has provided such accommodation following a police request; and 4. whether Newham has a policy for fulfilling its obligations under s21(2)(b) CA 1989 and, if so, what that policy is.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. None. 2. None 3. None. 4. Newham do not have a specific policy for fulfilling its obligations under s21(2)(b) of the Children's Act 1989, but will make available suitable accommodation for child(ren) as and when necessary and required. The child is assessed on merit and Newham ensures to comply with any such court directions or orders.</p>

Organisati on	10441	17/08/2011	05/09/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject: Adoption Allowance</p> <p>1. For each of the following years ending 31 March, how many adoptive families were in receipt of an adoption allowance from Newham Council? What was the average weekly amount of that allowance?</p> <p>Year to 31 March 2011 Year to 31 March 2010 Year to 31 March 2009 Year to 31 March 2008 Year to 31 March 2007</p> <p>2. What is Newham Council's basis for calculating adoption allowances? How is that calculation linked, if at all, to the council's allowances for foster carers and special guardians?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Number of families</th> <th>Average weekly allowance paid</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Year to 31st March 2011</td> <td>69</td> <td>£130.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year to 31st March 2010</td> <td>67</td> <td>£129.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year to 31st March 2009</td> <td>63</td> <td>£137.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year to 31st March 2008</td> <td>57</td> <td>£144.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year to 31st March 2007</td> <td>60</td> <td>£117.27</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. The Adoption Allowances are based upon the basic age banded foster allowance. For children not previously known to the adopter, we could pay 2/3 of the basic fostering rate, age banded, up to the 18th birthday.</p> <p>For children known previously by the adopter, we could pay the full basic age banded fostering rate in year 1 and then reduced by 11.11% for years 2-4 until it is reduced to 2/3 of the age banded basic fostering rate up to the child's 18th birthday.</p> <p>All allowances are means tested which means that the adopters may not receive any allowances.</p>	Year	Number of families	Average weekly allowance paid	Year to 31st March 2011	69	£130.99	Year to 31st March 2010	67	£129.11	Year to 31st March 2009	63	£137.44	Year to 31st March 2008	57	£144.96	Year to 31st March 2007	60	£117.27
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Public	10461	19/08/2011	05/09/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Personal searches of the Local Land Charges register</p> <p>DEFRA wrote to all local authorities 27.7.10, advising them that a fee for a</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. This is not a request for information this is a request for a legal opinion which is not governed by the Freedom of Information Act.</p>																		

				<p>personal search of the local land charges register is incompatible with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the underlying 2003 European Directive. Such charges are therefore unlawful.</p> <p>Under EIR/FOI, I should be grateful if you would inform me of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's understanding of the legal position on charges for personal searches. • The Council's current charging policy for personal searches. • Estimates of the financial liability for refunds of charges wrongly made. <p>The reply should include all recorded information covering the above issues.</p>	<p>2. Information regarding our charging policy is available on our website: http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalLandCharges/FAQs.htm</p> <p>3. The London Borough of Newham disputes that there would be any such refunds and this matter is currently subject to legal proceedings.</p> <p>Under Section 42 (1) (2) of the Freedom of Information Act the Council is exempt from the duty to communicate information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.</p> <p>Given that section 42, is a qualified exemption, the decision whether or not to release the information is therefore subject to the public interest test. It is acknowledged that there is a general public interest in public authorities being accountable for the quality of their decision making. Ensuring that decisions have been made on the basis of good quality legal advice is part of that accountability. Transparency in the decision making process and access to the information upon which decisions have been made can enhance accountability. However, it is also in the public interest that the legal adviser needs to be able to present the full picture to their clients, which includes not only arguments in support of his or her conclusions but also the arguments that may be made against them. It</p>
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Business	10463	19/08/2011	05/09/2011	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Street furniture/ bus shelter agreements between JC Decaux and the London Borough of Newham</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please confirm the quantity of Bus Shelters (both including and excluding advertising) and, if applicable, other forms and quantity of street furniture 2. Please confirm the starting date of the current agreement 3. Please confirm the expire date of the current agreement 4. Please confirm whether the current agreement has provisions to be extended past its initial term, if so, please provide details 5. Please confirm whether the current agreement has already been extended part its initial term, if so, please provide details 6. Please confirm whether the agreement includes an 'exclusivity clause' which prevents any other advertising of a similar nature on the 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council does not have any agreement with JC Decaux regarding Bus Shelters.</p>

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Public	10478	22/08/2011	05/09/2011	Land Charge searches	<p>Subject: Correspondence land charges staff have had amongst themselves and with all other bodies</p> <p>All copy correspondence (including E-mails) your land charges staff have had amongst themselves and with all other bodies (including but not confined to staff at other Councils) on the subjects of :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings of land charges staff, including reports and minutes of such meetings. 2. NLIS including copy contracts and differential pricing. 3. Search numbers for official and personal searches over the last 6 years 4. Market share of the Council for searches compared with the private sector 5. The formulation of Council charging policies and practises for all such environmental information as to enable a land property search to be undertaken 6. Restrictions on appointments for personal searches and number of searches permitted per appointment. 7. Staff numbers, staff reorganisations and salary gradings. 8. Charging policies and practices for personal searches of the local land charges register. 9. Liability for charges illegally made. 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are no such correspondence or minutes of meetings held on our systems. 2. There are no such contracts as we do not offer differential pricing. 3. Please see table below: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year</th> <th>Official Searches</th> <th>Personal Searches</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005/2006</td> <td>4,851</td> <td>2,501</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/2007</td> <td>5,737</td> <td>3,074</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007/2008</td> <td>4,487</td> <td>742</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/2009</td> <td>1,435</td> <td>683</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/2010</td> <td>1,600</td> <td>1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/2011</td> <td>1,381</td> <td>584</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. There are none held on our systems. 5. The charging policy set by Central Government (Charging Regulations 2008). 6. There are no restrictions on appointments or numbers of personal searches. Further information regarding our Policy is available on our website: http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalLandCharges/FAQs.htm 7. The service is currently under review. However, at present there are 3 members of 	Financial Year	Official Searches	Personal Searches	2005/2006	4,851	2,501	2006/2007	5,737	3,074	2007/2008	4,487	742	2008/2009	1,435	683	2009/2010	1,600	1,500	2010/2011	1,381	584
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Public	10484	22/08/2011	05/09/2011	Planning Policy and UDP	<p>Subject: Map and statistics about E16 2DY</p> <p>Under the FOI act could you provide me:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boundary specifications within 0.5miles to 1.0miles from post-code area E16 2DY. 2. Neighbourhood details in this area as stated above, number of residents, type of residences, age-wise population data, major health concerns, teenage pregnancy numbers, and health inequalities. Any data other than the 2001 census would be highly appreciated. 3. Is there a downloadable Map available describing the boundary area? 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Q1 and Q3: On the Newham website there is a searchable function 'My Maps' which shows you a map by postcode: http://ww1.newham.gov.uk/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>However, should you require this information for a specific boundary of 0.5 miles to 1.0 miles, this information is not held by Newham Council; however it is available for purchase via the following website: http://www.postcodeaddressfile.co.uk/products/boundaries/postcodes_boundary_table_mif_mid.htm</p> <p>Furthermore, you may find www.bing.com/maps useful.</p> <p>2. Some of this information is held on the</p>

						<p>Newham website: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/censusinformation/newhaminthecensus-keystatistics.htm. However, as mentioned on the website, we also would refer you to the Office for National Statistics Census 2011 for further information.</p>
Public	10488	23/08/2011	05/09/2011	Street Markets	<p>Subject: Westfield Shopping Centre and its affects on Stratford Centre</p> <p>The FOI is concerning the knock on effects that the Westfield centre will have on the commercial retail on Stratford and the surrounding area. I was wondering if the Council would have any information on shops opening and closing when the centre was built and what the vacancy rates are at the moment.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council does not hold this information. Stratford Shopping Centre is operated and managed by a private property company, enquiries regarding the centre should be sent directly to them . Their contact details can be found below: http://www.catalystcapital.com/en-US/index/contact_us.aspx</p>
Business	10561	05/09/2011	05/09/2011	ICT	<p>Subject: ICT setup</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Your current corporate networking provider (E.G HP, Cisco) 2) Your IP telephony and comms provider (E.G Cisco, Mitel) 3) What Security Provider you use (E.G McAfee, Checkpoint, Juniper) 4) Enterprise performance Management (E.G CA) 5) Your Data Management 6) Your Enterprise Computing (E.G Veglen, Toshiba, SUN boxes) 7) If you have a managed service and if 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Our current corporate networking provider is CISCO. 2) Our IP telephony and comms provider is CISCO. 3) Newham Council uses Microsoft Forefront. 4) Our Enterprise performance Management is in-house developed. 5) Newham Council uses Microsoft Biztalk. 6) Our Enterprise Computing is HP. 7) 2e2 provide part of the maintenance/support for Cisco equipment and Newham have a 10 year contract which

					so who provides it and when it is renewed? (2e2, Cisco)	expires in June 2018.
Organisation	10312	02/08/2011	06/09/2011	Choice Based Lettings	<p>Subject: Choice Homes Housing Registration form</p> <p>The Choice Homes Housing Registration form contains question a11: "are you or your partner a citizen of a country other than the UK?" Can I have separate figures for how many people selected "Yes" and, how many selected "No" for all approved forms in 2010? How many people selecting "Yes" have now been allocated housing and how many people selecting "No" have now been allocated housing?</p>	<p>Stage 1:</p> <p>1. "How many people selecting "Yes" have now been allocated housing?" The answer to this question is 99.</p> <p>2. Re-housed means that they were offered social housing. These cases are new and do not include transfers (those already in council properties).</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>There were 2,801 applications which were approved (not including transfers). Of these 1,824 were UK citizens, 943 were not UK citizens and 34 were not declared.</p> <p>33 of the 'non UK citizens' and 'not declared' applicants have been rehoused however they will have had their eligibility verified separately.</p> <p>It may be helpful to know that in all cases all applicants who are allowed to join the register are eligible for a property. If they are not eligible, they will not be allowed to join the register. Furthermore, any applicant who is re-housed is further checked and verified before they can sign up for a tenancy.</p>
Public	10367	08/08/2011	06/09/2011	CYPS - Corporate	Subject: Children in Need - Child	Summary:

				Parenting	<p>Protection cases</p> <p>1) How many Child Protection cases where a Child In Need was removed from the family lasted more than 2 Years (from 2005-11)?</p> <p>2) The Children's Act 1989 directs that the wishes of the child are to be considered. In how many cases where the child was categorised as a Child In Need was the child's feelings sought? How many Children In Need expressed a view that Social Services were abusing/neglecting them? If this is not a category that the database recognises, why not? Are Social Services regularly abusing their power by overriding the child's Human Right's? If a parents alleged abuse is worthy of a category on the database why not so for Social Services?</p> <p>3) The Children's Act 1989 gives a child protection by stating that their voice should be heard and considered. In how many cases brought for any category of concern where the child expressed that Social Services involvement with the family had caused a detriment to their physical, emotional or educational wellbeing did this wish lead to the case being closed/Social Services withdrawing?</p> <p>4) In how many cases where social services withdrew due to harm being reported due to social services involvement were social services</p>	<p>1) 148 cases since 01/04/2005.</p> <p>2) In accordance with the Children's Act 1989, in all our work with children we attempt to ascertain their wishes and feelings. This would inform but not direct our intervention.</p> <p>3) Any allegation of abuse or neglect by social workers or carers are robustly investigated and recorded on the appropriate record.</p> <p>4) We always seek to ascertain the child and the families view. If there is a perspective that our intervention is having a detrimental impact on the child and their family, we would of course consider withdrawing. To provide you with information on how many cases there have been of this nature would require extensive searching by an officer through every closed case which would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public</p>
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					<p>investigated for causing harm? This may include:</p> <p>a) a referral to the GSCC b) a referral to the courts c) a referral to the Independent Safeguarding Authority (or equivalent)? Please could you provide data for 2005-11 only.</p> <p>5) How many investigations per year (2005-11) involve MSBP, Fabricated Illness (FI) or Fabricated or Induced Illness (FII)?</p> <p>6) How many investigations per year (2005-11) involving the above (FI, FII, MSBP) resulted in:</p> <p>a) The child meeting a social worker? b) The child being assessed? c) A Section 47 Order being made? d) Family given support?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>5) To provide this information would require an officer to manually trawl through each case to extract the data you have requested, which will exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>6) As above.</p>
Public	10370	08/08/2011	06/09/2011	CYPS - Safeguarding Assessment	<p>Subject: Children in Need</p> <p>1) How many families investigated for abuse/neglect due to suspicions surrounding MSBP/FI/FII were cleared due to genuine illness? How many of</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Q1-3 and Q7: The information you have requested is not held centrally on our systems. To provide this information would require an officer to manually trawl through each case</p>

				<p>these families had been cleared more than once? How many were automatically referred to EOTAS for Education Otherwise (as they had a genuine illness and were too sick to attend school)?</p> <p>2) In how many of the above instances where a Child In Need was identified and the family cleared of abuse/neglect did Social Services then provide support (as the child was in need and genuinely ill)?</p> <p>3) How many investigations by Social Services (2005-11) have resulted in legal action or an official complaint against the Children's Trust (Social Services)?</p> <p>4) How many complaints against Social Services (2005-11) regarding children categorised as abused/neglected have been taken to Stage 2?</p> <p>5) How much, on average, does a complaint up to and including Stage 2 cost Redbridge?</p> <p>6) What would it cost Redbridge to provide a qualified children's social worker capable of giving quality care and advice to the Child Protection Team?</p> <p>7) In how many cases has an official complaint by a parent caused the commencement of Care Proceedings to "protect" a child (2005 - 11)?</p>	<p>file to extract this information, which would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>Q4: Please see table below showing all CYPS Stage 2 complaints made against social services for various reasons. As the definition of abuse/ neglect is so varied, we ask that you provide a definition of the information you require.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Number of complaints</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005/06</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/07</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007/08</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/09</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Number of complaints	2005/06	2	2006/07	2	2007/08	2	2008/09	3	2009/10	2	2010/11	0
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Public	10371	08/08/2011	06/09/2011	CYPS - Safeguarding Assessment	<p>Subject: Disabled Children in Need</p> <p>1) In How many instances where the child's category of need was "child's disability" (N2) was the child removed from the family (2005 - 11)?</p> <p>2) In how many cases where a child was removed from the family was the initial reason for Social Services involvement abuse or neglect? (2005 - 2011 Please).</p> <p>3) the Department of Education records: "The law is clear: Children should live with their parents whenever possible and, when necessary, families should be given extra support to help keep them together. In most cases, support from the LA enables any concerns to be addressed and children remain with their families." The Children's Act 1989 also places a duty on Children's Services to assist families in need. The law also allows for a three month residential family assessment to ensure that the parents cannot be "rehabilitated" to stop offending against their children.</p> <p>In how many cases when a child's need</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. 6</p> <p>2. As the definition of abuse/ neglect is so varied, we ask that you provide a definition of the information you require.</p> <p>3. Irrespective of the child's category, if the child is assessed as 'In Need', support is offered.</p> <p>4. Please find table below which shows the budget for commissioning direct support living in the community.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>(£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2004/05</td> <td>1,852,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005/06</td> <td>2,179,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/07</td> <td>2,707,900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007/08</td> <td>2,786,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/09</td> <td>2,650,550</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td>2,637,150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>2,643,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011/12</td> <td>2,633,940</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Furthermore, under the Public Law Outcome (PLO), any family where we have notified them formally that we are considering removing their child from them is entitled to legal aid.</p>	Year	(£)	2004/05	1,852,300	2005/06	2,179,600	2006/07	2,707,900	2007/08	2,786,100	2008/09	2,650,550	2009/10	2,637,150	2010/11	2,643,400	2011/12	2,633,940
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					<p>has been categorised as "disability" were the parents offered support? In how many instances of "family dysfunction" were the family offered support?</p> <p>4) Please provide a breakdown of your budget for assisting families in need and also for your legal department's expenses in advising and pursuing parents of a child in need (attending meetings, care proceedings and court action). 2005-2011 if possible. If this is not possible due to these not being criteria by which data is collected please inform as to what the criteria are.</p> <p>5) all families subject to Care Proceedings due to allegations of abuse/neglect of a Child In Need have had the benefit of a Residential Family Assessment. True or false.</p> <p>6) All families of a Child In Need have had contact with a social worker and the opportunity to explain their family situation before the commencement of a Section 47 Order. True or False. If False why not? Why are Orders being made without any contact with the family?</p>	<p>5. False</p> <p>6. Children's Services have a statutory duty to make enquiries under Section 47 of the Children's Act 1989 where a child is perceived to be at risk of significant harm. All families have an opportunity to explain their situation during these enquiries but not in advance. Section 47 enquiries are joint activities with police offers. The family may not be told in advance as this may jeopardise subsequent criminal prosecution.</p>
Public	10386	10/08/2011	06/09/2011	CYPS - Safeguarding Assessment	<p>Subject: Child Protection cases</p> <p>1. It is my understanding that the police only attend Child Protection meetings where there is concern that a crime may have been committed</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. All child protection enquiries are conducted (we refer to section 47 of the Children's Act 1989) with a strategy 'meeting' between the Newham social care team and the police. The</p>

				<p>(against a child) making their presence "in the public interest". In how many investigations for child abuse (all types) and neglect has the police representative resigned from attending and yet the investigation into child abuse/neglect continued? In how many cases have the police stayed until the case was closed?</p> <p>2. How many cases of abuse (all types) and neglect of children were investigated by Newham between 2005 and 2011 (annual breakdown)?</p> <p>3. In how many cases investigating child abuse or neglect was first contact with the family only made upon commencement of a Section 47 order? I am interested in the years 2005 --11.</p> <p>4. How many investigations for child abuse/neglect between 2005 - 11 to the extent that nothing short of removal from the parents could protect the child from SIGNIFICANT HARM resulted in a criminal conviction? How many cases did not?</p> <p>5. The categories of need used by social workers include family dysfunction, child's disability and parental illness/disability. For the years 2005 - 11 which illnesses/disabilities and "dysfunctions" have fallen into the</p>	<p>police are invited to all Child Protection case conference 'meetings' by Newham Council.</p> <p>We are unable to provide figures as requested as this information is not held centrally but recorded on a case by case basis. To locate and retrieve the information requested would require an officer to manually trawl through all social care files which would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>2. Please see table below for number of cases held on our system that were investigated:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Number</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005/06</td> <td>524</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/07</td> <td>268</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Number	2005/06	524	2006/07	268
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					<p>categories (i.e. Autism, ME, MS, Mental Illness, Asthma, Heart Conditions)?</p>	<p>2007/08 467 2008/09 708 2009/10 565 2010/11 587</p> <p>3. This information is not centrally held. To provide this information would require an officer to manually trawl through each social care files to retrieve this data which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>4. As above.</p> <p>5. As above.</p>
Public	9181	14/03/2011	07/09/2011	Chief Executive and CE's Office	Subject: Has CE attended meetings with West Ham?	Stage 2 Response:

					<p>1. The current chief executive Mr Bromley-Derry. Did he attend any meetings representing the London borough of Newham with either West Ham football club or Live Nation events promotion in connection with the Olympic stadium bid?</p> <p>2. If he did, please list the dates, venues and names of people who attended those meetings.</p>	<p>Mr Duckworth's calendar shows that he represented the London Borough of Newham at two meetings with West Ham FC. Please see details below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •15/06/2010 - attended by Mr Duckworth, Sir Robin Wales and representatives from West Ham and Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC), this meeting was held at Newham Dockside. •21/06/2010 - attended by Mr Duckworth, Sir Robin Wales, Director of Regeneration, Planning and Property (Clive Dutton) and representatives from West Ham and Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC), this meeting was held in Stratford. <p>Please see attached spreadsheet which provides details of meetings at which Mr Bromley-Derry represented LBN in connection with the Olympic Stadium Bid (where representatives from either WHFC and/or Live Nation attended).</p> <p>As stated in my previous email, we contacted the organisations concerned to request the names of attendees being released. All of the organisations requested that personal details of employees were withheld and therefore we can only state that representatives of the organisations attended (see spreadsheet).</p>
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						<p>Summary:</p> <p>As Mr Duckworth's mailing account, including his calendar which included meeting details, was disabled in October 2010; we no longer hold this information.</p> <p>Please find a list below of dates and venues for meetings at which Mr Bromley-Derry represented the London Borough of Newham in connection with the Olympic Stadium Bid which also included either West Ham Football Club and/ or Live Nation.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request to release names of individuals who attended the meeting, as this information could result in the identification of third parties. Third party personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.</p> <p>Therefore it is in the public's interest not to release the information as it could adversely prejudice the proper conduct of public affairs.</p> <p>Date of meeting Location of meeting 27th July 2010 Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, E16 2QU 26th Aug 2010 Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, E16 2QU 15th Sept 2010 Newham Dockside, 1000</p>
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Organisation	10379	09/08/2011	07/09/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Sickness absence for employees</p> <p>1. I would like to know what was the average number of days sickness absence per employee of your local authority in each of the last five years, the number of employees, and the total number of days' sickness absence across your organisation.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see table below which shows the average days of sickness absence per person in the last five years. Please note these figures include school staff.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>No. of FTE employees</th> <th>Average days per person</th> <th>Total Days lost</th> </tr> </thead> </table>	Year	No. of FTE employees	Average days per person	Total Days lost
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					<p>2. Could you please also send me details of any external organisations that the local authority uses to monitor and provide advice on sickness absence, including how much is spent on these services and whether the contractual arrangements include incentives related to success in reducing absence levels?</p> <p>3. Finally, I would like to request any internal or external assessment made of the performance of the local authority's absence management processes.</p>	<p>(approximate)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2005/06</td> <td>9213.53</td> <td>11.02</td> <td>101,533</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/7</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>9741 9.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>97,118</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007/8</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>9835.95 11.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>108,884</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/9</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>10096 10.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>106,412</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>10192 9.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>100,697</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>10085.96</td> <td></td> <td>8.48 85,529</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. The London Borough of Newham has a contract with Health Management Limited (HML) to provide an occupational health service to the Authority. HML has no responsibility for monitoring or reporting sickness absence levels but may advise on individual sickness absence cases referred to it by the Authority.</p> <p>The current contract price for this service is £317,800. Details regarding contractual agreements such incentives would not be released as the London Borough of Newham will not disclose information that would prejudice the commercial interests any company, therefore information regarding 'incentives' is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Section 43(2) Commercial interests: Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be</p>	2005/06	9213.53	11.02	101,533	2006/7			9741 9.97		97,118			2007/8			9835.95 11.07		108,884			2008/9			10096 10.54		106,412			2009/10			10192 9.88		100,697			2010/11	10085.96		8.48 85,529
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						<p>likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities, we consider that, in this case, there is a greater public interest in non-disclosure.</p> <p>3. Please see link below to minutes of Audit Board Meeting that took place on 20th July 2011. Item 7 provides an audit report on Sickness Absence Management that may be of interest to you.</p>				
Business	10378	09/08/2011	07/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Specific PCT allocations for social care</p> <p>1. How much did the government say you would be receiving?</p> <p>2. How much have you received?</p> <p>3. Will the money received be spent on adult social care only?</p> <p>4. How do you plan to spend this money?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Government allocated £4,464,000 to NHS Newham for social care priorities within Newham.</p> <p>2. The London Borough of Newham has received £4,212,000 with the balance of £252,000 being spent directly by NHS Newham.</p> <p>3. The money will be spent exclusively on adult social care.</p> <p>4. Please find below a breakdown of where the money has been allocated:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Social Care Activity</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(to be taken as 000)</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Social Care Activity	Amount	(to be taken as 000)	
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Media	10384	10/08/2011	08/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Charges for domiciliary care</p> <p>I would like to know the following information as it applies in the financial year 2011-2012:</p> <p>1. Please tell me your standard charges (assuming that the client is paying full price, having over £23,250 capital) for the following domiciliary services to those aged over 65:</p> <p>a. Personal care (e.g. getting up, washing, getting dressed etc) – hourly rate.</p> <p>b. Domestic help (e.g. shopping, laundry etc.) - hourly rate(s).</p> <p>c. Home care services (e.g. cleaning curtains, turning mattresses, repairs</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Q1-Q5: Issues regarding the implementation of charging received approval from Cabinet on 21st July 2011. At present Newham residents are in the process of being advised of this. As such, we are unable to confirm or comments on any queries, however the proposals of the charging policy is available in the Cabinet report, which is accessible via the following link: http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=294&MIId=7418&Ver=4</p> <p>Q6: Critical and substantial needs only</p>

				<p>and gardening) – hourly rate(s)</p> <p>d. Meals (at home or at a day care centre - please state both prices if they are different) - flat rate per meal.</p> <p>e. Transport (round trip to day care centre and back).</p> <p>f. Careline (or similar telephone-based alarm service) - per week. Please include/tell us of any installation costs.</p> <p>If you do not charge in the way I have suggested above, please can you describe the charge in the way it is usually described to those eligible, from your authority, for domiciliary care.</p> <p>2. What day care services does your authority offer to those aged over 65?</p> <p>3. What are the charges for day care (please state whether per day or per session)?</p> <p>4. Does your authority operate a weekly cap on charges per individual? If so, please confirm the cap(s) in place for the financial year for 2011-2012.</p> <p>5. If someone requires transport to get to a day centre, would your authority normally consider this as part of that person's assessed needs, such that it becomes part of the package for consideration within the means test?</p>	
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					<p>6. Based on the FACs eligibility criteria (as set out in the Fair Access to Care Services, Department of Health Guidance, issued under section 7(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970), please confirm which of the following applies: Subject to appropriate means testing, our authority supports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Critical needs only; All critical and substantial needs; All critical, substantial and moderate needs; All critical and substantial needs, and some moderate needs. None of the above, we provide a different level of support. <p>If the answer to this question is (d) or (e) then please provide a brief summary of the level of support provided by your authority.</p>	
Public	10383	10/08/2011	08/09/2011	CYPS - Support Learning	<p>Subject: Sure start budget and consultation</p> <p>I am interested in what has happened to children's centres since the ring fence was removed and the budget amalgamated into the early intervention grant.</p> <p>Budget</p> <p>1. What was the revenue budget given by you to Sure Start Children's Centres in 2010/2011?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> £10,030,000 £9,700,000 20 20 None Service provision and front line staffing in centres have not been reduced. The London Borough of Newham has emphasised the development of early intervention services and there has been some redesign of services to extend preventative and early intervention services to older children through separate

					<p>2. What is the revenue budget approved by you for Sure Start Children's Centres in 2011/2012?</p> <p>Numbers</p> <p>3. What was your target number of children's centres by April 2011?</p> <p>4. How many had opened by April 2011?</p> <p>Since April 2011:</p> <p>5. How many children's centres have closed?</p> <p>6. How many have had their budget cut?</p> <p>7. How many have been told their future is currently under review?</p> <p>8. How many have opened?</p> <p>Consultation</p> <p>9. Have you had held a consultation on the future of children's centres?</p> <p>10. How many people responded?</p> <p>11. How many people wanted all centres to remain open with budgets intact?</p>	<p>funding sources.</p> <p>7. All children's centres in Newham are subject to review in line with their continuing performance, achieved outcomes and the current priorities and spending decisions of the Local Authority.</p> <p>8. None</p> <p>9. There have been no major consultations held as there have been no significant changes in the overall provision of children's centres in Newham.</p> <p>10. N/A</p> <p>11. N/A</p>
Public	10396	11/08/2011	09/09/2011	Legal Services	<p>Subject: Spend on civil litigation</p> <p>How much does the council spend on civil litigation (i.e. matters that might go to civil courts and tribunals) in total including;</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>This information is available on the Newham Website. Please see links below to the Council's 'Budget Book' and 'Payments to suppliers over £500':</p>

					<p>a) the internal cost through directly employed legal and other staff b) the external cost of outside law firms, counsel, experts etc.</p>	<p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/budgetbook.htm</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/paymentstosuppliers.htm</p>
Organisation	10395	11/08/2011	09/09/2011	Planning Policy and UDP	<p>Subject: Request for GIS maps</p> <p>I request maps showing all land within the authority area that falls into the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green belt land, • local authority owned land, • local authority designated brownfield sites, • undeveloped land currently held by developers (also known as “landbank” land) • village greens • Allotments <p>I would like this information as map files in GIS format.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green belt land – available in pdf format at: http://www.newham.gov.uk/planning/unitarydevelopmentplan/ • local authority owned land – this is currently being captured and is due to be completed by April 2012. However, our previous map of this is available from the above mentioned website. • local authority designated brownfield sites – this information is available on the National Land Use Database (NLUD) website at: http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/ourwork/brownfield-land • undeveloped land currently held by developers (also known as “landbank” land) – as above. • village greens – there are none in Newham.

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments – this is available on the Newham website as UDP proposal maps and shown in detail via the following link: http://www.newham.gov.uk/entertainmentandleisure/parksinnewham/allotmentgardening.htm <p>We do not hold this information in GIS format as requested. This would need to be sourced at additional cost which would exceed the appropriate cost limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>Should you wish to purchase this information yourself, you can do so via the following website: http://www.postcodeaddressfile.co.uk/products/boundaries/postcodes_boundary_table_mif_mid.htm</p>
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Organisati on	10400	11/08/2011	09/09/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Voluntary early retirements, redundancies, the use of agency workers and apprentices at Newham Council</p> <p>1. Has the authority made any compulsory redundancies from 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011?</p> <p>2. Please provide the number of employees (headcount) by gender taking a) voluntary early retirement; b) voluntary redundancy and c) made compulsorily redundant from 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011.</p> <p>3. Please provide the number (headcount) of i) full time and ii) part time employees by gender taking a) voluntary early retirement; b) voluntary redundancy and c) made compulsorily redundant from 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011.</p> <p>4. From 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 please provide a breakdown of the numbers (headcount) taking early retirement, voluntary redundancy or being made compulsorily redundant for each financial year by the occupational groups listed below.</p> <p>5. What was the total revenue expenditure in the financial year 2010/11 in respect of</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. Please see attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>Please note we are unable to differentiate between voluntary and compulsory redundancy on our systems. To locate this information would require an officer to manually trawl through each individual's redundancy and agency case and extract the data requested, which would greatly exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>3. Please see attached spreadsheet.</p>
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				<p>(a) Severance payments or compensation arising from voluntary early retirement or voluntary redundancy,</p> <p>(b) Payments to the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of pension strain costs arising from voluntary early retirement; voluntary or compulsory redundancy,</p> <p>(c) Other costs associated with voluntary early retirement, voluntary or compulsory redundancy.</p> <p>6. Please provide the number (headcount) of agency staff supplied to the authority on a) 1 April 2010 and b) 31 March 2011. If you are unable to provide the figures for these 2 dates, please provide the figures for the nearest dates for which data is available.</p> <p>7. Please provide the number (headcount) of apprentices employed by the authority on a) 1 April 2010 and b) 31 March 2011. If you are unable to provide the figures for these 2 dates, please provide the figures for the nearest dates for which data is available.</p> <p>8. From 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011, has the authority completed equality impact assessments (EIAs) on a) the initial proposals and/or b) the final outcome of any redundancies</p>	<p>4. Please see attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>5. As mentioned above we are unable to differentiate between voluntary and compulsory redundancy on our systems, therefore the below figures encompass both types of redundancy:</p> <p>a) 2010/2011: Redundancy Payments: £1,110,089.61 Severance Payments: £1,522,689.68 Total: £2,632,779.29</p> <p>b)The pension strain costs for 1/4/10 to 31/3/11 were £1,169,310.27. This relates to the full pension strain costs for all employees who were made redundant from 1/4/10 to 31/3/11.</p> <p>c) N/A</p> <p>6a) April 2010: 732 agency staff b) March 2011: 617 agency staff</p> <p>7. Newham Council does not employ 'apprentices'.</p> <p>8. Equality Impact Assessments are carried out for each and every business reorganisation/review/restructure.</p>
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Staff	10513	30/08/2011	09/09/2011	Communications	<p>Subject: Cost and budget for Under the Stars</p> <p>May I ask under the freedom of information act the cost of the under the stars events which I believe to be a 4 night event this year as oppose to three previously, the actual cost of this event taking place and also which budget will this event be funded by.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1.As Under The Stars has recently taken place (Thu 25, Fri 26, Sat 27 & Sun 28 September 2011), the Council is still in the process of gathering information pertaining to the actual cost of the event. We are unable to comment on how long this process will take as suppliers have to invoice the Council. Once the costs are known they will not be made public, therefore you may wish to make a Freedom of Information request in a few months. We would also, like to clarify that Under The Stars has been running as a four night event since year 2006.</p> <p>1.The budget allocated for Under the Stars 2011 was £395,000. This allocation comes from the Events Programme budget within the Communications Team .</p>
Public	10549	01/09/2011	09/09/2011	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject: Olympic tickets</p> <p>1. How many tickets did the London borough of Newham receive for the 2012 Olympics. 2.How many of these tickets were given to councillors, and members of staff. 3.How many did the residents of Newham receive.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We have purchased 100 tickets for the Olympic Games and have applied for a further 200, though these have not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>2. None of these tickets will be awarded to, or available to Councillors or staff of the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>3. All of the tickets will be allocated to</p>

						inspiring people living in our community and working with us as partners. Details of this scheme will be announced shortly. You may wish to visit the site below for more information:
Business	10553	01/09/2011	09/09/2011	Business Rates	<p>Subject: Business rates for Lenta Properties Ltd</p> <p>We are rating consultants engaged in rate liability management and rate recovery/audit for Lenta Properties Limited (please see attached letter of authority).</p> <p>1. We are writing to you with a request for a list of or schedule of all National Non-Domestic Rate accounts in your billing authority area that still have a credit balance for Lenta Properties Limited shown on them at any time from 1st April 1990 to date. The reason for the credit might be, but will not be limited to: account closed, alteration to rating list, void relief awarded, section 44a relief award, certification, transfer between accounts or interest.</p> <p>2. Please supply the billing authority reference number, the address of the hereditament, the amount of the credit balance, the rate year(s) to which it applies and whether there is any interest due.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>To obtain the requested information would require an officer to interrogate each account for Lenta which would exceed the appropriate time limit. Furthermore, the Business Rates team are in regular communication with Lenta Direct and have supplied various statements of account as requested .</p>

Business	10594	07/09/2011	09/09/2011	Private Sector & Adaptations	<p>Subject: Information relating to who the occupiers are of HMO accommodation in Newham.</p> <p>How much of the HMO market is occupied by full time students?</p> <p>How much of the private rental sector is occupied by students?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council does not hold any records on either houses of multiple occupancy occupied by full time students or the number of private sector dwellings occupied by students.</p>
Organisation	10421	15/08/2011	13/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Contract for Direct payment/self Directed Adult health care scheme</p> <p>I'm requesting whether there is a contract set up with a independent organisation, to provide support services to the Direct payment/self Directed Adult health care scheme.</p> <p>If there is a contract with an organisation, could you please disclose the terms of the contract.</p> <p>Including as much detail as possible such as, Name of organisation, dates, and figures such as the annual amount awarded since the contract began.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham entered into a Framework Agreement for External Support Planning and Brokerage, which is an Adult Social Care scheme, on the 4th of January 2011.</p> <p>Please find attached the generic contract between the External Support Planning and Brokerage organisations and the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>The Framework Agreement is one whereby the provider is paid per completed Support Plan or brokerage task.</p> <p>Individuals will continue to have a free choice to complete their Support Plan from any of the following 11 external Support Planning and Brokerage providers:</p> <p>Action for Blind People Age UK Newham Community Options East Living</p>

					<p>First Choice Homecare & Employment Services Ltd. Hestia Housing and Support Look Ahead Housing and Care Ltd. Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham RCHL Shaw Trust Carehome Selection Ltd.</p> <p>There is no annual value of the contract. With regard to the Framework Agreement, the unit price per task per provider is deemed as commercially sensitive and therefore exempted.</p> <p>Under Section 43, information is exempt from disclosure if releasing it would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). We consider that a provider's rates is commercially sensitive information. The London Borough of Newham will not disclose information that would prejudice the commercial interests of any company. As such, we cannot provide the unit cost as requested. Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities, we consider that there is a greater public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.</p> <p>(CONTRACT ATTACHED)</p>
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Organisati on	10420	15/08/2011	13/09/2011	Planning Policy and UDP	<p>Subject: Planning Department</p> <p>1)What is the status of your local plan or core strategy e.g. has it been published or adopted?</p> <p>2)How many full time development planners, conservation officers and heritage officers did you employ in 2008?</p> <p>3)How many do you employ now?</p> <p>4)Are there any plans to change this number in the next two years?</p> <p>5)What was your planning department's budget in 2008?</p> <p>6)What is your planning department's budget now?</p> <p>7)Do you expect your planning department's budget to rise or fall in the next two years?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Newham Council's Core Strategy examination is to take place in September 2011 and adoption is expected in early 2012.</p> <p>2) As at 31st December 2008, 10.4 FTE (full time equivalent) Development (Policy) Planners were employed. Development Control employed 17 FTE application case officers, plus 2 heritage officers.</p> <p>3) As at 15th August 2011, 9 FTE Development (Policy) Planners were employed. Development Control currently employs 12 FTE application case officers, plus one heritage officer.</p> <p>4) The Development Control service and Spatial planning team is under constant review, and changes to numbers can be expected.</p> <p>5) The Development Control service's budget in 2008/9 was £1.77 million. inclusive of enforcement. The Spatial planning and Transport team's budget was £1.296 million gross.</p> <p>6) The Development Control service's budget for the current year is some £1.9 million gross, plus £0.42 million for enforcement. These figures reflect a renewed prioritisation of enforcement within the Council since 2008, and the fact that some 60/70% of the budgets</p>
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						<p>will now be funded through income generation, much of which did not apply in 2008/9. The Spatial Planning and Strategic Transport team's budget is £1.12 million.</p> <p>7) Information not held.</p>
Public	10415	15/08/2011	13/09/2011	Members - Other	<p>Subject: Councillors training</p> <p>Please provide the following:</p> <p>i) The number of courses and training days undertaken by councillors during the financial years 2009-10, 2010-11 and so far in 2011-12. Please break this information down by year, and provide the title of each course or training day, a description of what it is designed to teach, and the number of councillors who attended.</p> <p>ii) Please also specify the cost of each course or training day, and the total cost of courses and training for councillors in each of 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see the attached document, which sets out the training undertaken by Councillors.</p>
Public	10416	15/08/2011	13/09/2011	Internal Audit	<p>Subject: Housing Tenancy Fraud</p> <p>1.How many social housing properties do you have (please include housing association properties) in your borough?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) The London Borough of Newham Stock figure at 01.08.11 is 18,021 properties. The Registered Social Landlord Stock figure as of April 2010 figure is 12,722 properties.</p>

				<p>2.How many reports did you receive of housing tenancy fraud in the following years? If this data was not recorded please state this. 2009: 2010: 2011 thus far:</p> <p>3.How many of these reports did you investigate in the same years? 2009: 2010: 2011 thus far:</p> <p>4.How many properties did you take back into local authority care as a result of fraud as opposed to arrears in the following years. 2009: 2010: 2011 thus far:</p> <p>5.How many people did you prosecute for housing tenancy fraud in the following years 2009: 2010: 2011 thus far:</p> <p>6.In how many cases was the Proceeds of Crime Act used in cases regarding Housing Tenancy Fraud in the following years 2009: 2010: 2011 thus far:</p>	<p>2) 2009: 1,699 referrals received. 2010: 1,920 referrals received. 2011 thus far: 430 referrals received.</p> <p>3) All the referrals received above were investigated.</p> <p>4) 2009: 22 2010: 57 2011 thus far: 32</p> <p>5) 2009: 13 2010: 12 2011 thus far: 4 (Please note these are not criminal prosecutions, but civil possession proceedings).</p> <p>6) 2009: 0 2010: 0 2011 thus far: 0</p> <p>7) The Tenancy Audit Team carry out tenancy audit visits to ensure the legal tenant is residing. If an irregularity is found then the team will investigate, serve the appropriate notice and take civil legal proceedings to repossess the property.</p> <p>8) This is checked bi-annually by way of the National Fraud Initiative. It is also checked when a tenant completes an application for a move via Choice Based Lettings. Any offers made via Housing Association are also checked to ensure that the outgoing tenant</p>
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					<p>7. Do you employ a specialist department or enlist a specialist company which deals with reports of housing tenancy fraud?</p> <p>8. Do you proactively check your tenants' residency to check for multiple homes? If yes, how often?</p> <p>9. Do you carry out proactive checks of the deaths records against your register of tenants?</p>	<p>terminates their interest in their LBN tenancy. All incoming tenants are checked to ensure they do not hold a tenancy elsewhere which has not been declared.</p> <p>9) Where appropriate individual checks are made against relevant public records. Currently the Council's Registration service only supplies copies of the Registers as permitted under the Legislation. We are currently looking at implementing the "tell us once" project which will enable service users to notify us of key events just once.</p>
Media	10435	15/08/2011	13/09/2011	Trading Standards	<p>Subject: Seizures of counterfeit goods</p> <p>1. How many seizure of counterfeit goods were recorded for the period August 2010 to July 2011 in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alcohol b. Tobacco c. Consumer Electronics Goods d. Clothing and Textiles e. Food Stuffs f. Other <p>2. How many seizure of counterfeit goods were recorded for the period August 2009 to July 2010 in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alcohol b. Tobacco c. Consumer Electronics Goods d. Clothing and Textiles 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Trading Standards are involved in a wide range of activities with regard to counterfeiting. Seizures are not always made by the service but other enforcement agencies that we work jointly with. A lot of work in the counterfeiting area is about the sharing of intelligence between enforcement agencies and other trading standard authorities.</p> <p>Please note the below figures represent the number of seizures undertaken and not the actual number of goods seized.</p> <p>1) August 2010 to July 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alcohol - 17 b. Tobacco - 1 c. Consumer Electrical Goods - 2 d. Clothing & Textiles - 3 e. Food Stuffs - 0

					<p>e. Food Stuffs f. Other</p> <p>3. How many seizure of counterfeit goods were recorded for the period August 2008 to July 2009 in the following categories?</p> <p>a. Alcohol b. Tobacco c. Consumer Electronics Goods d. Clothing and Textiles e. Food Stuffs f. Other</p>	<p>f. Other - 14</p> <p>2) August 2009 to July 2010</p> <p>a. Alcohol - 0 b. Tobacco - 1 c. Consumer Electrical Goods - 5 d. Clothing & Textiles - 5 e. Food Stuffs - 0 f. Other - 15</p> <p>3) August 2008 to July 2009</p> <p>a. Alcohol - 0 b. Tobacco - 1 c. Consumer Electrical Goods - 2 d. Clothing & Textiles - 7 e. Food Stuffs - 0 f. Other - 8</p>
Public	10558	02/09/2011	13/09/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Boundaries of area Newham 037A</p> <p>1. Is it possible to get, under FOI act,</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Following our conversation, It will be necessary for you to contact the Office for</p>

					<p>information on the boundaries of area Newham037A, what are the sub areas come under this area?</p>	<p>National Statistics to obtain the information requested, please see link below for your convenience. The ONS code for the area you are interested in is: ONS code E01003609.</p> <p>http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html</p> <p>Please also find attached a map relevant to the area you are interested in. Please note we do not hold detailed boundaries for individual postcodes, you may wish to contact the Royal Mail for this information. Please see link below:</p> <p>http://www.royalmail.com/portal/rm</p> <p>I trust this concludes matters and will now be closing your request.</p>
Organisation	10643	13/09/2011	13/09/2011	Private Sector & Adaptations	<p>Subject: Empty properties in Newham</p> <p>1)Would you please supply a list of vacant properties in your Borough.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Firstly, the information requested is not held centrally and is managed by individual services. Consequently, the time it will take to search for the information requested would exceed the time limit of 2.5 days. Therefore, in accordance with Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to comply with your request.</p> <p>Secondly and most importantly, the Council has experience of a number of individuals who, when they become aware that a property/site is vacant, use it for squatting, attempt to appropriate the property for their own use, use properties for growing drugs and</p>

						other undesirable anti-social behaviour. By disclosing the addresses of vacant/derelict privately owned property, the Council exposes neighbourhoods to the anti-social behaviour/criminal activities associated with such issues. Our Community Safety Team and the Police are currently doing all they can to deal with these problems and the Council is not prepared to exacerbate the problem by disclosing known empty properties.
Public	10311	02/08/2011	14/09/2011	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Contract with Mouchel</p> <p>Please provide all contract(s) with Mouchel Ltd under the freedom of information act.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached contract as requested.</p> <p>Please note we have removed some information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as personal details, including names and contact details, are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p>
Media	10382	10/08/2011	14/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	Subject: Direct Payments to people	Summary:

				<p>with learning disabilities</p> <p>For the time period between June 1st 2010 and June 1st 2011.</p> <p>1. Has the Local Authority reviewed Direct Payments to people with learning disabilities within the last year? Y ;X N ;X</p> <p>2. Has the Council taken formal decisions about Direct Payments to people with learning disabilities either in Council or at a Management level in the last year, that have impacted on the level and number of such payments being made? Y ;XN ;X</p> <p>3. Over the last year: „X Has the number of people with learning disabilities receiving Direct Payments increased or decreased (please give numbers on June 1st 2010 and June 1st 2011) „X Has the average amount of Direct Payment per person increased or decreased? (please give average figures) „X Has the hourly rate for support staff funded by Direct Payment increased or decreased (please give figures) „X Has the amount of Direct Payment for funding other than for staff support (e.g. funding for activities, transport etc) increased or decreased (please give figures on June 1st 2010 and June 1st 2011)</p> <p>4. List the number of cases where Direct Payments have been reduced</p>	<p>1. Yes.</p> <p>2. Yes.</p> <p>3. Please note, the below information is an activity figure for adults aged under 65 with learning disabilities in receipt of either an individual budget or a direct payment. Furthermore, our data is taken from 31st March and not 1st June as requested as this is how our information is recorded: a) Increased. March 2010 there were 163 and in March 2011 there were 191. b) Increased. The average weekly cost of an individual budget / direct payment for an adult aged under 65 at 31st March 2010 was £353 whilst as at 31 March 2011 it is £494. c) N/A. The Direct payment rate has remained the same for a number of years. d) Same as 3.b.</p> <p>4. This information is not held centrally. To provide this information would require an officer to manually trawl through each social care files to retrieve this data which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information</p>
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				<p>and where this decision has been appealed against.</p> <p>5. List the number of cases where the Council has issued civil proceedings to recoup any money from Direct Payments they believe to be outstanding as a result of review.</p> <p>6. List the number of cases of people with learning disabilities receiving Direct Payments which have involved input from the Local Authority's legal department to resolve challenges, complaints or disputes.</p> <p>7. List the number of cases and type of change where there has been a change to an existing arrangement for the Direct Payment for a person with a learning disability (e.g. where a family member previously managed the Direct Payment on behalf of their relative, and this has been transferred local authority managed budget administered by a broker)</p>	<p>under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>5. As above.</p> <p>6. As above.</p> <p>7. There have been 40 cases, however to provide additional information as to the type of change for each case would require an officer to manually trawl through each social care files to retrieve this data which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the</p>
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						cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
Public	10432	16/08/2011	14/09/2011	Street Scene Enforcement	<p>Subject: Reports of dog fouling</p> <p>1. How many times have people contacted the council to report an incident of dog fouling during the financial year 2010-11, and so far in 2011-12? (Please provide separate figures.)</p> <p>2. How many people have been fined in relation to dog fouling, and what is the council's standard fine?</p> <p>3. What is the largest fine ever given, and what were the circumstances in which it was given?</p> <p>4. What is the total value of fines issued since 2008-9?</p> <p>If the council has ever used special equipment or adapted vehicles to combat dog fouling, as seen here - http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23741168-london-looks-to-paris-for-answer-to-dog-fouling.do - please specify what sort of equipment, how many were purchased and what the cost was.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. In 2010/11, 193 people contacted the Council to report an incident of dog fouling. There have been 205 incidents of dog fouling reported to the Council so far this year (2011/12).</p> <p>2. There were 42 Fixed Penalty Notices issued in 2010/11 for dog fouling. So far this year (2011/12), 17 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued. The standard charge for dog fouling is £80, but reduces to £50 if paid within 10 days.</p> <p>3. The largest fine ever given was £100 as this was the maximum penalty charge for dog fouling until 2010/11. Fines can only be issued in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Fixed Penalty Notices are issued by Street Scene Enforcement Officers due to offences committed in their presence.</p> <p>4. Information regarding fines issued in 2008/9 is no longer held by the Council. The total value of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling in 2010/11 was £3150, at a fixed charge of £75. From May 2011 the fines were changed to £80 if paid within 14 days but £50 if paid within 10 days, therefore the total values for 2011/12 to date are between £850 - £1,360.</p>

						<p>5. Frontline staff clear dog fouling by the use of a broom and shovel, where excessive fouling has been indentified areas have been washed down via deep cleansing team and treated with disinfectant.</p> <p>Cleansing are presently piloting a piece of equipment called the HANDISCOOP of which a Bio-degradable bag fits to the head (The equipment has the same operational methods as a hand held litter picker) and operated by frontline staff.</p> <p>The cost of the HANDISCOOP is £18.20 for an order of between 5 and 20 and the bio-gradable bags are £2.41 for a roll of 60.</p>
Public	10443	17/08/2011	14/09/2011	Registrars Service	<p>Subject: No next of kin:</p> <p>From March 2011 how many public health funerals has your organisation has performed</p> <p>The names (including maiden names), date of death, dates of birth and last known residence for the deceased</p> <p>Whether next of kin have been located</p> <p>Has the estate, if any, been passed onto the Treasury Solicitor, Duchy of Cornwall/ Lancaster or in Scotland the QLTR and when was it sent</p> <p>The value of said estate</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We can confirm that since March 2011, the Council has carried out 2 public funerals.</p> <p>We have decided to refuse the other aspects of your request, including taking into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</p>

					<p>The council usually refer estates with a net value of over £500 to the Treasury Solicitor's Department. The department would then publish limited information about those valued at over £5,000, unless a claimant comes forward during the period before publication.</p> <p>In addition to this, the information you requested with regard to the date of birth and last known address are on the death certificate. This information is accessible from the General Register Office at www.gro.gov.uk.</p> <p>Further we rely on Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption applies where disclosure would be likely to prejudice a range of investigations and conduct, including the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing information under FOIA is equivalent to publishing it "to the world at large", and so our decision must be based on the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect bona vacantia</p>
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					<p>(ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p> <p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a 'public interest test' is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough; and, the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p> <p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding this</p>
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Business	10442	17/08/2011	14/09/2011	Anti-Social Behaviour	<p>Subject: Anti-Social incidents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of anti-social incidents in the last 12 months. 2. Type of anti-social incidents in the last 12 months. 3. How many went to prosecution? 4. Number of repeated cases. 5. Number of cases that resulted in an ASBO/ABC. 6. How many ABC's have been taken out and how many of those were a success or failure? 7. How many court cases fail due to lack of evidence cooperation? 8. How many cases have failed due to lack of evidence, witness cooperation and witness intimidation? 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. The information requested would involve us searching through vast amount of records to retrieve the details necessary to provide a response. This task would be very labour intensive and would take in excess of 18 hours. We therefore believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>However, as agreed, and in line with our duty to advise and assist, we have provided the following information, regarding anti-social behaviour for 2010/11:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of anti-social incidents in the last 12 months. <p>For the reasons given, we are unable to</p>

						<p>provide the exact information, but can confirm that 449 warning letters were sent.</p> <p>2. Type of anti-social incidents in the last 12 months.</p> <p>This information is not available</p> <p>3. How many went to prosecution?</p> <p>We can provide the following information in relation to this question:</p> <p>6 - Interim Injunctions 15 - Final injunctions 8 - Court undertakings 2 - Evictions</p> <p>4. Number of repeated cases.</p> <p>We do not hold the information.</p> <p>5. Number of cases that resulted in an ASBO/ABC.</p> <p>We can provide the following information in relation this question:</p> <p>97 - ABC'S 12 - Parental Control Agreement's 6 - interim ASBO'S 18 - Full ASBO 2 - Notice to Quit's 16 - Notice of Seeking Possession</p> <p>6. How many ABC's have been taken out and how many of those were a success or failure?</p>
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						<p>Please refer to the information provided for question 3 and 5, above. In addition 2 possession orders were issued in this time period.</p> <p>7. How many court cases fail due to lack of evidence cooperation?</p> <p>For the reasons given we are unable to provide this level of information.</p> <p>8. How many cases have failed due to lack of evidence, witness cooperation and witness intimidation?</p> <p>For the reasons given we are unable to provide this level of information.</p>
Public Bodies	10446	17/08/2011	15/09/2011	Communications	<p>Subject: Request for submission of LGC Awards for Efficiency and Innovation</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information I would be grateful if you could provide me with a copy of your Authority's submission in respect of the LGC Awards you were highly commended for last year.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold the information requested. The submission was submitted online, therefore we do not hold a copy of this.</p>
Media	10445	17/08/2011	15/09/2011	Animal Welfare	<p>Subject: Stray Animals</p> <p>Since 1st January 2007:</p> <p>1)Has your council (or its agency) ever dealt with the same animal as a stray</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Newham Animal Welfare team have impounded 13 stray dogs twice, 3 stray dogs have been impounded three times and 1 stray dog has been impounded four times.</p>

					<p>on more than one occasion (i.e., has any animal been "picked up" as a stray on more than one occasion)? If so, please identify which animal has been dealt with by your council the most times, and on how many occasions?</p> <p>2)Please can you also indicate which animal, currently the responsibility of your council (or its agency), has been in this position for the longest period of time and when it first entered the council's care?</p> <p>3)Has your council (or its agency) handled any stray animals apart from dogs? If so, please indicate what the animals were, the circumstances of each case (including where it was found), and the animal's fate (i.e., whether the animal was reunited with owners / rehomed / euthanised / awaiting rehoming)?</p>	<p>2) The stray dog that has been in our care for the longest time was impounded on the 3rd of July 2011.</p> <p>3) Newham Council Animal Welfare team only impounds stray dogs. On the rare occasion, the team may respond to an urgent request regarding another animal. The only recent case was when a python was found in a tank in the street on 26 July 2011 and the RSPCA could not attend. An Animal Welfare Officer experienced with snakes collected it and rehomed the snake.</p>
Media	10453	18/08/2011	16/09/2011	Cemetery / Mortuary	<p>Subject: Crematoria/ Cemetery charges</p> <p>Crematoria Q1. At present, what is the TOTAL crematorium charge (including use of chapel, waiting rooms and attendances, floral decoration, recorded or organ music, scattering/strewing of ashes, medical referee's fee, and environmental surcharge) at each crematorium operated by the council?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham does not operate any crematoria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N/A 2. N/A 3. N/A 4. N/A

				<p>Q2. Does the crematorium fee include an 'environmental charge' associated with the cost of mercury abatement, and if so, how much is this environmental charge?</p> <p>Q3. What was the council's total crematorium charge (as described in Q1):</p> <p>(a) In April 2010 (b) In April 2009 (c) In April 2006</p> <p>Q4: Has the council transferred any crematoria to private sector businesses and if so:</p> <p>(a) Please identify the private operator. (b) In what year did this take place? (c) Has the council restricted the fees which the private operator may charge, and if so what is the restriction?</p> <p>Cemeteries</p> <p>Q5. How many cemeteries does the council own and operate?</p> <p>Q6. How much does the council charge for an adult burial, to include an exclusive right of burial, for the minimum period of use, in a standard lawn grave, and including any interment fee?</p> <p>Q7. What was the charge for the same provision of a grave as described in</p>	<p>5. One cemetery.</p> <p>6. Newham Council charges £1,595 for a lease of 50 years and £1,100 for a lease of 25 years.</p> <p>7. a) 2010: £1,485 (lease 50 yrs) £1,020 (lease 25 yrs). b) 2009: £1,485 (lease 50 yrs) £1,020 (lease 25 yrs). c) 2006: £1,340 (lease 50 yrs) 25 yr lease not applicable this year.</p> <p>8. There are four private sector/ other cemeteries within the borough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of London Cemetery & Crematorium (City of London). • Manor Park Cemetery & Crematorium (Manor Park Cemetery Company Ltd). • East London Cemetery & Crematorium (Dignity plc). • Woodgrange Park Cemetery (Badgehurst Ltd). <p>9. Newham Council has not transferred any cemeteries to private sector businesses.</p> <p>10. There are currently no restrictions on the number of burials.</p>
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					<p>Q8: (a) In April 2010 (b) In April 2009 (c) In April 2006</p> <p>Q8. Are there any private sector cemeteries within the council's boundaries and if so, please identify them and the company which operates them.</p> <p>Q9. Has the council transferred any cemeteries to private sector businesses and if so: (a) Please identify the private operator. (b) In what year did this take place? (c) Has the council restricted the fees which the private operator may charge, and if so what is the restriction?</p> <p>Q10: Please indicate whether the council has had to restrict or cease burials in its cemeteries because of a lack of capacity and if so, what arrangements are there for burials?</p>	
Public	10485	23/08/2011	16/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Extra care schemes</p> <p>(Further to FOI E8700)</p> <p>1) Confirm the commissioning timetable for the care and support at the newly commissioned Extra care schemes at 150 High Street Stratford and Leyton Road, Stratford?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) 150 High Street, Stratford - an approach to the Council has been made regarding the service provision at 150 High Street in Stratford, however no funding commitment to this or any new service has been made. Leyton Road, Stratford - a service has not been commissioned at Leyton Road in Stratford.</p>

					<p>2) Confirm that the care element only at Hedgrow Court is NOT part of the current supporting people frameworks joint tender between Newham Council and Tower Hamlets Council?</p> <p>3) If the answer to 2 above is NO, to advise as to when this will specifically be tendered</p>	<p>2) It may be helpful to know that the Housing Related Support provision (including Care Elements) within Extra-Care schemes is not subject to the current tender for the joint framework with Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>3) As mentioned above, this has not been agreed at this stage.</p>
Public	10458	19/08/2011	19/09/2011	Legal Services	<p>Subject: Council property assets sold</p> <p>Please let me know:</p> <p>i) What property assets the Council has sold or put up for sale since 2006. ii) Which companies or individuals the assets were sold to. iii) What was the amount of money received in each sale.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached spreadsheet which shows property assets the Council has sold or put up for sale since 2006. Please note that the 'amount' may include some costs associated with the disposal.</p> <p>Should you require additional information regarding which companies or individuals the assets were sold to, this is obtainable via Land Registry: http://www.landregistry.gov.uk/</p>
Public	10459	19/08/2011	19/09/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Contract monitoring staff cuts</p> <p>This is a request under the freedom of information act.</p> <p>1. How many contract monitoring staff who inspect services for vulnerable children and adults have been cut in a) the last year, and b) the last six months</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There have been no redundancies within the Contracts and Monitoring Section within the last year.</p> <p>2. There are no plans to cut staff within this service within the next two years.</p>

					<p>Please give the answer in numbers, as opposed to a percentage. Also please provide the total number of those staff at the start of the period and at the end of the period in each case.</p> <p>2. How many contract monitoring staff who inspect services for vulnerable children and adults does the council plan to cut in the next</p> <p>a) two years b) one year c) six months</p> <p>Vulnerable children and adults would include the elderly, the very young, adults and children with disabilities, learning disabilities or mental health issues, and patients in hospitals.</p>	
Public	10505	25/08/2011	19/09/2011	Environmental Health	<p>Subject: Garra rufa</p> <p>1)Are you aware of the draft guidance for Garra rufa fish treatments available through the Lacors website?</p> <p>2)Please could you provide a list of businesses in your local authority who operate Garra rufa fish treatments.</p> <p>3)Of these, how many offer:-hand/feet treatments only hand/feet AND fully body immersion</p> <p>4)Were you consulted by the proprietor</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) We are aware of the of the draft guidance for Garra rufa fish treatments.</p> <p>2)There are two businesses in the borough that offer Garra rufa fish treatments: La Chic 12 Pilgrims Way, East Ham London E6, For Angels & Devils at 2 Hartlepool Court, North Woolwich, E16.</p> <p>3)One treats feet and the other full body immersion.</p>

					<p>of the business prior to their opening for any guidance/information and if so did you feel you could provide the necessary guidance?</p> <p>5)How many businesses did you inspect for the first time a. Before they opened b.After they had opened</p> <p>6)Have you had to take any enforcement action against any of the salons? If so, for what reason?</p> <p>7)Do you conduct water sampling at the salons? If so, do you have a specified sampling frequency?</p> <p>8)Can you please provide all the water sampling results that you hold? Please state clearly if the results are from a foot, hand or body tank and whether results are repeat samples from the same salon.</p> <p>9)Do you have a standard guidance document produced by the Council for salons? If so, can you please provide a copy of this.</p>	<p>4)No we were not consulted by the proprietors of the businesses. Please note Garra rufa fish are not licensable at the moment.</p> <p>5)Only one of these businesses has been inspected and that was after it had opened. Both businesses are currently in the process of being licensed for other treatments such as massages. At a recent Special Treatment Group Meeting it was decided that this type of treatment should now be licensed (although it isn't at present). This will depend on whether the treatment is classed as a bath and this is currently being researched. When this is agreed this authority will then produce conditions for the treatment based upon information from the results of the LACORS consultation and advice from other boroughs.</p> <p>6)No.</p> <p>7)We do not undertake water sampling routinely at this type of premises at present.</p> <p>8)Not applicable.</p> <p>9)There are no standard documents produced for this type of treatment as yet. There are however a list of general conditions which apply to all beauty salons that provide licensable treatments as well as conditions that apply to specific treatments. This information will be published on the Council's website in the near future.</p>
Organisati	10481	22/08/2011	20/09/2011	Local Service Centre	Subject: General operation of Blue	Summary:

on				<p>Badge scheme/ Freedom Pass for Disabled persons and London Taxi Card scheme</p> <p>The information we are seeking is related to your operation of the following schemes:</p> <p>(1) The Blue Badge scheme. (2) Discretionary Freedom Pass for Disabled persons. (3) London Taxi Card scheme.</p> <p>The information we are seeking relates to the following aspects of the above schemes.</p> <p>1. Does your Local Authority carryout the eligibility assessment in-house or do you use a 'third party'. Of you use a 'third party', could you please provide their name and address.</p> <p>2. Could you please provide a copy of an application form that was used in the year 2005/6 and one for the current year 2011/12. For all three schemes.</p> <p>3. Copies of all documentation, including emails and reports, that were prepared by your Local Authority in relation to actual or proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for the three schemes detailed above during the year 2010/2011.</p>	<p>1)Newham Council employs 'Access Independent' to carry out eligibility assessments. Their contacts details are:</p> <p>Access Independent 63 Rock Road Cambridge CB1 7UG Telephone: 01223 501603 Fax : 01223 501333 www.accessindependent.co.uk</p> <p>(2) Please see attached:</p> <p>Blue Badge Application 2011/12 Freedom Pass for Disabled persons 2011/12 London Taxi Card Scheme 2005/06 London Taxi Card Scheme 2011/12</p> <p>Newham Council does not have copies of the Blue Badge Application for 2005/06 and the Freedom Pass for Disabled persons for 2005/06 as these have been superseded by 5 application forms.</p> <p>(3) Please see the attached Cabinet Report of 7 February 2008.</p> <p>(4)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Year</td> <td>Blue Badge Freedom Pass</td> <td>London TaxiCard</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Received</td> <td>Approved</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Received</td> <td>Approved</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Received</td> <td>Approved</td> </tr> </table>	Year	Blue Badge Freedom Pass	London TaxiCard		Received	Approved		Received	Approved		Received	Approved
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					<p>4. The number of applications received by your Local Authority for each of the three schemes detailed above for the years 2001/2, 2004/5, 2009/10 and 2010/2011. Additionally, the number of approvals for each of the three schemes for the above years.</p> <p>5. What is your Local Authority budget for the operation of the London Taxi card scheme for the year 2010/2011 and what was the actual figure.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>2001/02</td> <td>3027</td> <td>3004</td> <td>Data not recorded</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>314</td> <td>708</td> <td>412</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004/05</td> <td>3312</td> <td>3292</td> <td>Data not recorded</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>345</td> <td>3248</td> <td>1967</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td>2924</td> <td>3029</td> <td>Data not recorded</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>495</td> <td>3644</td> <td>3147</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>2811</td> <td>3093</td> <td>Data not recorded</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>587</td> <td>3093</td> <td>2700</td> </tr> </table> <p>(5) The 2010/2011 budget for the operation of the London Taxi Card scheme was £594,600. The spend for 2010/11 was £632,487.</p>	2001/02	3027	3004	Data not recorded		314	708	412	2004/05	3312	3292	Data not recorded		345	3248	1967	2009/10	2924	3029	Data not recorded		495	3644	3147	2010/11	2811	3093	Data not recorded		587	3093	2700
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Organisati on	10487	22/08/2011	20/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Residential long term care for those aged over 65.</p> <p>Questions about record keeping:</p> <p>1. Do you keep records of how many people assessed as needing residential long-term care have capital above the capital threshold and are therefore financially assessed as self-funding?</p> <p>2. If YES, Please give a figure for the number of people in each of the financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11 that were assessed as needing residential long-term care who had capital above the capital threshold and were financially assessed as self-funding.</p> <p>3. Do you keep records of how many people assessed as needing residential long-term care who have capital above</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes, however Newham Council began this process in 2010, therefore the below figures will only include those for which we are paying the provider or have an appointee/receiver function. This will not include all self-funders who self place and pay.</p> <p>2. 2009-2010 – N/A 2010-2011 – 43</p> <p>3. Yes</p> <p>4. 2009-2010 – N/A 2010-2011 – 4</p> <p>5. a) Yes b) No, however this will be available soon c) Yes d) None</p>																																

				<p>the capital threshold and are financially assessed as self-funding, subsequently fall below the capital threshold and therefore become eligible for local authority funding towards the cost of their care?</p> <p>4. If YES, Please give a figure for the number of people in each of the financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11 who, having previously been assessed as needing residential long-term care and because they had capital above the capital threshold were financially assessed as self-funding, fell below the capital threshold and therefore became eligible for local authority funding towards the cost of their residential care.</p> <p>Questions about the provision of information:</p> <p>5. Do you provide any of the following sources of financial guidance or advice for people assessed as needing long-term care who have capital above the capital threshold and are therefore financially assessed as self-funding:</p> <p>a) information on council website YES/NO</p> <p>b) leaflet YES/NO</p> <p>c) discussion with council representative YES/NO</p> <p>d) other YES/NO</p>	<p>6. No</p> <p>7. Yes</p> <p>8. 2009-2010 – none 2010-2011 – none</p>
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					<p>6. Do you provide contact details of financial advisers to people assessed as needing residential long-term care who have capital above the capital threshold and are therefore financially assessed as self-funding?</p> <p>Questions about the use of deferred payment arrangements:</p> <p>7. Do you keep records of how many people assessed as needing residential long-term care who have capital above the capital threshold, and are therefore financially assessed as self-funding, enter into a deferred payments arrangement with the council?</p> <p>8. Please give a figure for the number of people in each of the financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11 who, having been assessed as needing residential long-term care but because they had capital above the capital threshold were financially assessed as self-funding, entered into a deferred payments arrangement with the council.</p> <p>For each of the above questions, please provide data for the calendar years 2009 and 2010 if financial year data is not available (please make clear that you have done this if the case).</p>	
Organisation	10489	22/08/2011	20/09/2011	Registration Service	Subject: Public Health funerals	Summary:

				<p>I am making a request under the freedom of Information Act to establish how many public health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitors from May 2011 to the date of your response.</p> <p>I would be most grateful if you could supply me with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name of the deceased (including maiden name) - Date and Place of Death - Date and Place of Birth - Last known residence for the deceased - Whether next of kin have been traced - Value of the Estate - Date on which referred/ due to be referred to the Treasury Solicitors 	<p>We have decided to refuse your request, taking into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</p> <p>The council usually refer estates with a net value of over £500 to the Treasury Solicitor's Department. The department would then publish limited information about those valued at over £5,000, unless a claimant comes forward during the period before publication.</p> <p>In addition to this, the information you requested with regard to the date of birth and last known address are on the death certificate. This information is accessible from the General Register Office at www.gro.gov.uk.</p> <p>Further we rely on Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption applies where disclosure would be likely to prejudice a range of investigations and conduct, including the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing information under FOIA is equivalent to publishing it "to the world at large", and so our decision must be based on</p>
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					<p>the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect bona vacantia (ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p> <p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a 'public interest test' is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough; and, the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p>
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						<p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding this information</p>
Public	10466	22/08/2011	20/09/2011	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Expenditure on interim educational leadership and consultancy roles</p> <p>I am interested in receiving information relating to expenditure by the local authority on interim educational leadership and consultancy roles over the last 3 financial years. I would like this broken down into the following areas please</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Interim Headteachers •Interim Deputy Headteachers •Interim Assistant Headteachers •Interim Leadership Consultants •Interim Heads of Department •Interim Local Authority Education 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached spreadsheet which provides details on expenditure by the local authority on Interim Local Authority Education Consultants and School Improvement Partners over the last 3 financial years.</p> <p>However, Newham Council does not hold financial information about schools to the level of detail requested and therefore we are unable to provide the expenditure that any school had incurred on the categories listed above.</p> <p>It would be necessary to contact individual schools directly to obtain this information.</p>

					<p>Consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •School Improvement Partners <p>and if at all possible by which type of school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Primary •Secondary •Special Needs 	<p>Please see link below for contact details: http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsdirectory/</p>
Public	10467	22/08/2011	20/09/2011	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Communication regarding strikes by teachers.</p> <p>Please provide me with copies of all communications from the council to local schools sent since the start of 2011 which contained advice, information and guidance on how to deal with strikes by teachers. This should include any advice from the council on whether schools should stay open when teachers are on strike.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence as requested.</p>
Public	10465	22/08/2011	20/09/2011	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p>Subject: Students with special education needs</p> <p>1) In 2005 OFSTED records that of all the pupils permanently excluded from school in Newham 1.2% receive under 6 hours tuition per week; 1.2% receive 6-12 hours of tuition a week; 7.1 % receive 13-19 hours tuition each week and 90% receive over 20 hours of home tuition each week. Similarly Newham has a duty to educate children who cannot attend</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1a) Children receiving up to 5 hours education per week - 49.3% b) Children receiving between 6 - 12 hours per week - 24.6% c) Children receiving 13 - 19 hours education per week - 7.2% d) Children receiving over 20 hours education per week - 18.8%</p> <p>2) No students were refused educational provision based on GP referral throughout last</p>

				<p>school due to illness. This may be long-term, physical, mental or psychological illness even school phobia. For the years 2005-11 please reveal:</p> <p>a) the % of sick children receiving up to 5 hours tuition per week</p> <p>b) the % of children receiving 6-12 hours of tuition each week</p> <p>c) " " 13-19 hours of tuition per week</p> <p>d) " " over 20 hours of tuition per week</p> <p>2) Access to Education guidelines dictate that a GP can approve tuition. The child does not need a consultant to refer. How many sick children in Newham are denied home tuition even when a GP has authorised it?</p> <p>3) What is Newham's gross expenditure on services to children per capita under the age of 18 (years 2005-11)?</p> <p>4) How much does Newham spend annually on Family Support per capita aged under 18? (2005-11)</p> <p>5) How many children in Year 6 (2005-11), having a statement or not, are on the autistic spectrum?</p> <p>6) How many specialist centres/units for children entering Secondary School (Year 7) are available in Newham? How many places are available across the borough?</p> <p>7) The transfer to secondary school is traumatic for any child. Children with</p>	<p>academic year.</p> <p>3) - Children's Services Expenditure per capita inclusive of school budgets:</p> <p>Children's Services Budgets</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>£</th> <th>Pupil No</th> <th>PP £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005-6</td> <td>289,471,653</td> <td>45,165</td> <td>6,409</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006-7</td> <td>310,468,663</td> <td>45,298</td> <td>6,854</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007-8</td> <td>343,465,523</td> <td>49,309</td> <td>6,966</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008-9</td> <td>376,055,622</td> <td>48,769</td> <td>7,711</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009-10</td> <td>395,925,664</td> <td>47,118</td> <td>8,403</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010-11</td> <td>397,378,889</td> <td>51,768</td> <td>7,676</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Figures include Central Services and Schools Budgets</p> <p>4) Family support is delivered from a number of different perspectives by social workers and non social work staff across children's services and the third sector, Even in relation to social work we do not have clearly delineated budgets (or staff) in relation to support and/or protection for children.</p> <p>5) Please see below table for number of Year 6 pupils on the autistic spectrum:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>YEAR</th> <th>YEAR 6</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>17</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	£	Pupil No	PP £	2005-6	289,471,653	45,165	6,409	2006-7	310,468,663	45,298	6,854	2007-8	343,465,523	49,309	6,966	2008-9	376,055,622	48,769	7,711	2009-10	395,925,664	47,118	8,403	2010-11	397,378,889	51,768	7,676	YEAR	YEAR 6	2005	N/A	2006	36	2007	17
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					<p>anxiety disorders find this even more stressful. Does the borough have any plans to address the shortfall in provision for Year 7 children?</p> <p>8) Some autistic children enter mainstream secondary school with little support. This affects behaviour and ultimately outcomes.</p> <p>9)How many children on the autistic spectrum were expelled or suspended in 2005-11 due to behavioural problems whilst in mainstream secondary schools?</p>	<p>2008 30 2009 23 2010 50 2011 30</p> <p>6) Many secondary schools provide specialist support given the SEN (Special Education Needs) funding systems in Newham. In addition to this 4 schools have resource provision, totalling 14 places in year 7 and 70 places in total across the borough.</p> <p>7) Children with anxiety will receive additional support from schools as part of the transition programme. This may be provided in different ways e.g. from the SEN department or learning mentors.</p> <p>8) Newham Council started to record a pupil's specific need last academic year (2010/11 academic year) and there were 0 permanent exclusions for pupils with autism.</p>
Business	10510	30/08/2011	20/09/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Providers of domiciliary care/community support services for people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>The information we require is around learning disability services and mental health services.</p> <p>Please provide information on the following:</p> <p>1.Please provide us with the three</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1.Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request under section 43(2) of the Act.</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham is currently part-way through a tender process for domiciliary care services, therefore at present</p>

				<p>highest and three lowest hourly rates paid to providers of domiciliary care/community support services for people with learning disabilities. Please provide this information for the last financial year (e.g. 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011).</p> <p>2.Please provide us with the three highest and three lowest hourly rates paid to providers of supported living services for people with learning disabilities. Please provide this information for the last financial year (e.g. 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011).</p> <p>3.Please provide us with the three highest and three lowest hourly rates paid to providers of domiciliary care/community support services for people with mental health needs. Please provide this information for the last financial year (e.g. 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011).</p> <p>4.Please provide us with the three highest and three lowest hourly rates paid to providers of supported living services for people with mental health needs. Please provide this information for the last financial year (e.g. 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011).</p>	<p>and until the tendering process has been completed we do not consider the public interest in openness and transparency to be sufficient as to require disclosure.</p> <p>Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. We have decided that in this case the public interest lies in favour of not disclosing the requested information.</p> <p>2.Learning Disability supported living:</p> <p>3 highest weekly rates = £2,746.45, £1,642.11, £1,400.00</p> <p>3 lowest weekly rates = £173.01, £158.01, £69.46</p> <p>(Please note that Supported Housing services are costed in and weekly rates)</p> <p>3.Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request under section 43(2) of the Act.</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham is currently part-way through a tender process for, domiciliary care services, therefore at present and until the tendering process has been completed we do not consider the public interest in openness and transparency to be sufficient as to require disclosure.</p>
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						<p>Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. We have decided that in this case the public interest lies in favour of not disclosing the requested information.</p> <p>4.Mental Health supported living:</p> <p>3 highest weekly rates = £950, £945, £855</p> <p>3 lowest weekly rates = £124.28, £96.96, £75 (Please note that Supported Housing services are costed in weekly rates.)</p>
Public	10483	23/08/2011	21/09/2011	Finance	<p>Subject: Money spent on supply teachers</p> <p>I am interested in the amounts paid by each school in Newham Borough Council to third parties in relation to temporary teacher staffing cover. My hope is to receive an electronic breakdown of amounts paid through the department's purchase ledger by school.</p> <p>1. I would like the information in electronic format. This should avoid any printing cost issues. 2. In order to avoid your having to collate information from peripheral systems, I am willing to accept information only from your main system (I would like you to advise which system this is).</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see attached spreadsheet which provides amounts paid for teacher staffing cover for schools in the borough (accurate as of 05/08/11).</p> <p>2. The system used by Newham Council to record this information is 'Masterpiece'.</p> <p>3. To obtain 'supplier names' you would need to contact the schools directly as Newham Council does not hold this information. Please see link below where you can find contact details of schools in the borough:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsdirectory/</p>

					<p>By main system I mean the system that handles the largest part of the department's expenditure. If supplier payments are made through separate systems, then I would like you to choose the main system for each.</p> <p>3. The information I require for each school is: School Name; Supplier name and total amount paid.</p> <p>4. I would like the information to cover the year 2010/2011.</p>	
Media	10482	23/08/2011	21/09/2011	Finance	<p>Subject: Money spent on taxis and consultants</p> <p>1. Taxis</p> <p>How much has the council spent on taxis for staff and councillors during the past two years? I'd like figures for each of the last two full years available.</p> <p>2. External consultants</p> <p>How much has the council spent on external consultants during the past year? Please give as detailed a breakdown of contracts as the financial limitations of the FOIA allow. I would like the names of companies gaining individual contracts worth more than £500,000.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below amounts spent on taxis by Newham Council in the last 2 financial years. Please note the majority of this expenditure (approximately £700,000 in 2010/11) is for the transport of children and vulnerable/ disabled adults. We are unable to provide figures solely for staff and Councillors.</p> <p>2009/10 - £651,633 2010/11 - £808,210</p> <p>2. Newham Council spent £7,213,223.50 on external consultancy services in the last financial year (2010/11). The services were for a wide range of specialisms ranging from delivering large capital programmes and projects to interventions to help deliver savings. The Council is forecasting a much reduced spend during 2011/12. Current forecast is for at least a 50%-60% reduction.</p>

						<p>Please see attached the standard form of contract for Consultants.</p> <p>The Council publishes information of all spend over £500 on its website, please see below link: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/paymentstosuppliers.htm</p>
Public	10480	23/08/2011	21/09/2011	Council Tax	<p>Subject: Late payment of Council tax by Councillors</p> <p>Please let me know how many of your councillors failed to pay their council tax on time in the past 12 months, with the number that:</p> <p>i) were sent a payment reminder; ii) were sent a second payment reminder; iii) led to court action.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>i) Four Councillors were sent payment reminders during the last 12 months (July 2010- July 2011). ii) Two Councillors were sent two reminders in this period (although not necessarily for the same payment). iii) One Councillor was issued with a court summons.</p>
Public	10597	03/09/2011	21/09/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Policies</p> <p>Please could you forward a copy of the followings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Council's Recruitment Policy •Council's equal opportunity policy •Learning and Development Policy •Employee retention policy •Performance Monitoring System policy/ HPN •Exit interview Policy/ Questionnaire 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached policies and documents as requested. Newham Council does not have a Learning and Development resource service plan. Please note the 'Recruitment and Retention Remuneration Scheme' is strictly limited due to budget moratorium decisions.</p> <p>1. Non schools – 5,712 Schools – 6,900 Total – 12,612.</p>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Staff survey 2010 questionnaire and result •Learning and Development department's/ Resources service plan for 2009-2010 <p>I would also require the following information -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The total number of employees in Newham Council, school and non school based. 2.The number of employees joined the council in 2009-2010 3.The number of employees left the council in 2009-2010 including temp worker, fixed term contract 4.How many hours of training have been organised/ provided to the employees of Newham in 2010 (rough estimate) 5.How much has the council invested in the training programme/ training budget for 2009-2010? 6.The number of employees attended the training in 2009-2010 7.The number of employees absent in the training in 2009-2010 8.The number of employees cancelled the training in 2009-2010 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 1,947. 3. 1,953. 4. Approximately 65,000 hours, (based on a 7 hour day). 5. The training budget allocated for 'Central Learning and Development' was £167,500. 6. 1,752 employees. 7. 773 employees. 8. 492 employees. <p>Please note none of the above training figures include training arranged locally in departments by managers. Also excluded is any training which was arranged by schools.</p>
Public	10529	24/08/2011	22/09/2011	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Contract with Newlyn Works</p> <p>I would like to know in written format how the contractual agreement</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below the process of recovery of debt as agreed between the London Borough of Newham and Newlyn:</p>

					<p>between LBN and Newlyn works, at what point it starts, what happens in between and what happens in the end?</p> <p>Please explain the process from beginning to end for me.</p>	<p>The London Borough of Newham issues Warrants to the Contractor electronically, together with all other documents relevant to the execution of the Warrants.</p> <p>The Contractor will complete a Driver and Vehicle Licensing (DVLA) check prior to contacting the Debtor. A check is to be completed every 2 to 3 months following the initial check, to ensure contact is being made at the correct address.</p> <p>Once instructions are sent to the contractor, the first written request is despatched within 7 days for payment from the debtor.</p> <p>If the debt is not paid then a visit is made to the debtor for payment.</p> <p>Where after the first visit has been made to execute a Warrant or levy distress, and the debtor has not been found at the premises, then further visits can be made.</p> <p>In seeking payment of a Road Traffic Debt the Contractor may undertake any of the following without further reference to the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Carry out local enquiries at no cost to the Council ii) Request payment by letter, telephone or in person iii) Identify and list possessions with a view to seeking walking or physical possession iv).
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						<p>Immobilise vehicle(s) belonging to the debtor with a view to removing it/them once the Council has given authorisation</p> <p>v) Dispose of goods that have been taken into physical possession.</p> <p>To ensure effective recovery, the Contractor can employ Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to locate Debtor vehicles not parked outside their premises.</p> <p>Where the Council has agreed that the Contractor may enter into physical possession of goods the Contractor shall notify the Debtor in writing (at the time that the goods are seized), of the final date on which any payment will be accepted.</p> <p>Following the provision of the Contractor's service, all documentation, including copies of documents and written reports/records prepared by the Contractor shall be returned to the Council electronically. The Council may consider non-electronic transmission of documentation, provided the Contractor's method statement meets the required service provision standards.</p>
Public	10490	24/08/2011	22/09/2011	Council Tax	<p>Subject: Councillor's Council Tax</p> <p>1. How many councillors on your council have received first reminders about unpaid council tax?</p> <p>2. How many councillors on your council have received second</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Four Councillors</p> <p>2. Newham Council does not send 'second reminders'. However three Councillors were sent two reminders in this period (although not necessarily for the same outstanding</p>

					<p>reminders about unpaid council tax?</p> <p>3. How many councillors on your council have received final warnings about unpaid council tax?</p> <p>4. How many councillors on your council have been issued with court summons in relation to unpaid council tax?</p> <p>5. How many councillors on your council have had criminal proceedings taken against them, and what were those?</p> <p>6. How many councillors on your council have been excluded from voting on decisions affecting taxation after being two months late paying council tax?</p> <p>7. For each of the above, please break the numbers down by political party.</p>	<p>payment).</p> <p>3. Newham Council does not issue final warnings.</p> <p>4. One Councillor was issued with a court summons.</p> <p>5. None.</p> <p>6. None.</p> <p>7. All Newham Councillors are Labour.</p>
Public	10492	24/08/2011	22/09/2011	Newham Homes	<p>Subject: Money given by the Government for repairs</p> <p>Further to FOI E9537:</p> <p>The information I was given now needs to be broken down in sections urgently please as to what each department of the council receives in respect of the funds given by the government.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Of the Government funded £42,768,000 please find below where the money will be allocated to:</p> <p>£14,687,000 for Major Repairs Allowance for 2011/2012. In addition to this £22,258,000 carried forward from previous financial years. £5,000,000 for Supported Capital Expenditure Allocation for 2011/12. In addition to this £823,000 carried forward from 2010/11.</p>

Public	10491	24/08/2011	22/09/2011	Registration Service	<p>Subject: No next of kin</p> <p>I would like information about any person who has died with no living blood relatives being known when they died, from the above date to the date of your response. If a person died before the above date, but the information was not sent in your previous reply to me, could you also include same?</p> <p>In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The date(s) they passed away. 2. The postcode region or local area of their home address they died (i.e. London N8 or Crouch End, London). 3. The date(s) on which information was referred to the Treasury Solicitor, Duchy of Lancaster or Cornwall. 4. Please also advise if you have yet to refer the information above, or a decision is still pending. 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We have decided to refuse your request, taking into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</p> <p>The council usually refer estates with a net value of over £500 to the Treasury Solicitor's Department. The department would then publish limited information about those valued at over £5,000, unless a claimant comes forward during the period before publication.</p> <p>In addition to this, the information you requested with regard to the date of birth and last known address are on the death certificate. This information is accessible from the General Register Office at www.gro.gov.uk.</p> <p>Further we rely on Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption applies where disclosure would be likely to prejudice a range of investigations and conduct, including the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing information under FOIA is equivalent to publishing it "to the world at</p>
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					<p>large”, and so our decision must be based on the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect bona vacantia (ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p> <p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a ‘public interest test’ is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough; and, the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p>
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						<p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding this information</p>
Organisation	10507	25/08/2011	22/09/2011	Policy and Research	<p>Subject: Supporting people</p> <p>1) What was the budget (i.e. expenditure or planned expenditure) for housing related support services (previously known as Supporting People services) for a) the previous financial year 2010/11 and b) the current financial year 2011/12?</p> <p>2) a) What housing related support services have been decommissioned (or are proposed to be decommissioned) for the current financial year? For each of these services please list the client group affected, type of service and number of people losing support.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1a) The Supporting People services budget in 2010/11 was £11.9 million. b) The Supporting People services (SP) budget for the current financial year (2011/12) is £11 million. Please note this does not represent the total commitment to SP contracts, hence savings are being sought, please see response to 2b) below.</p> <p>2a) Services being decommissioned in the current financial year are the client-group-specific floating support services to HIV clients. There are 18 clients remaining in these services.</p> <p>Transition arrangements have been made</p>

				<p>b) What housing related support services have been reduced (or are proposed to be reduced) for the current financial year? Again, for each of these services please list the client group affected, type of service and number of users affected, as well as the reduction in funding levels.</p> <p>c) What if any new housing related support services have been commissioned (or will be commissioned) for the current financial year? For each of these services please list the client group, type of service and number of people to be supported (and whether it replaces a previously decommissioned service).</p> <p>3) What if any assessments of the impact of recent changes and reductions to housing related support services have been made by the council? I would be grateful if you could provide copies of any impact assessments that have been undertaken in relation to changes to these services for the current or future financial years.</p>	<p>where a small number of existing service-users have an assessed requirement for continued support following the decommissioning date. The majority of service-users have already or will shortly have completed the term of support assessed as being required and no new referrals were taken into these services once the decommissioning process was advised. It is our belief that the Housing Related Support needs of service users with HIV can be met by a Generic Floating Support service.</p> <p>It is likely that further services may be decommissioned where a need for the service cannot be evidenced e.g. through a review of the Housing Related Support needs of service-users; no such services have been identified.</p> <p>b) All Housing Related Support providers have been asked to submit a proposal for savings to their existing contracts in the region of 10%, as part of the wider requirement for savings of £2.75m over the next 3 years. We are working with providers to identify genuine efficiencies in delivering services, as opposed to a reduction in service, and remain committed to funding housing related support for both FACs and non-FACs (Fairer Access to Care) eligible adults with an assessed support need. As part of this project, we are keen to ensure that Housing Related Support provision is subject to a full needs assessment and that the assessment process defines this a separate need to personal care.</p>
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						<p>c) Newham Council has been approached for support, however no commitment to additional SP funding has been agreed for any new services in the current financial year.</p> <p>3) A survey of all SP providers evaluating housing related support needs was conducted in February 2011. This was sent to all our 49 providers, 35 responses were received. Additionally, service-user consultation will form part of the process for the current joint framework agreement with Tower Hamlets. EQIA's (Equality Impact Assessment) for Housing Related Support have not yet been released - they should be published on the Newham website in due course.</p>
Public	10509	26/08/2011	22/09/2011	Pensions	<p>Subject: Pension</p> <p>1)How many of your members have a GMP component in their scheme pension?</p> <p>2)How many of these live in countries where the state pension is "frozen"? In particular for the following countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anguilla 2. Antigua and Barbuda 3. Australia 4. Bangladesh 5. Canada 6. Cayman Islands 7. Dominica 8. Grenada 9. Guyana 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Records show that 3,473 members have a GMP component in their scheme pension. Please note that this figure will continually change as notifications are received.</p> <p>2) 16 members live in countries where the state pension is frozen, (9 in Australia, 1 in Canada, 1 South Africa, 4 St Lucia and 1 New Zealand).</p> <p>3) 7 receive a GMP component.</p> <p>4) 5 receive a GMP component that is uprated.</p> <p>5) 6 receive a GMP component that is frozen at the rate at which it was first paid.</p>

					<p>10. India 11. Montserrat 12. New Zealand 13. Pakistan 14. South Africa 15. Sri Lanka 16. St Kitts and Nevis 17. St Lucia 18. St Vincent and the Grenadines 19. Trinidad and Tobago 20. Zimbabwe</p> <p>3)How many of your pensioners living in the above countries receive a GMP component of their pension?</p> <p>4)How many of your pensioners living in the above countries receive a GMP component of their pension that is uprated each year to compensate for lack of indexation by the state?</p> <p>5)How many of your pensioners living in the above countries receive a GMP component of their pension that is frozen at the rate at which it is first paid?</p> <p>6)How do you make your pension scheme members aware of their rights to this?</p>	<p>6) The Inland Revenue state that the responsibility to inform a member of the correct liability lies with the Inland Revenue and not the individual scheme. Therefore we have at no point contacted affected individuals on this subject.</p>
Organisation	10515	30/08/2011	22/09/2011	Pest Control	Subject: Pest control/ pest control staff	Summary: 1. 18

				<p>The information I am requesting is as follows:</p> <p>1. How many individuals were employed between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011 under the remit of pest control?</p> <p>2. How many full time equivalents is this?</p> <p>3. What percentage does this represent from 1st Aprils 2009 to 31st March 2010 (positive = increase in overall number, negative- decrease in overall numbers)?</p> <p>4. Of those individuals, how many were employed as servicing technicians?</p> <p>5. How many full time equivalents is this?</p> <p>6. What percentage does this represent from 1st Aprils 2009 to 31st March 2010 (positive = increase in overall number, negative- decrease in overall numbers)?</p> <p>7. How many initials domestic service requests involving rats did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>8. How many initials domestic service requests involving mice did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>9. How many initials domestic service requests involving mammals (other</p>	<p>2. 17.6</p> <p>3. No change</p> <p>4. 11</p> <p>5. 11</p> <p>6. No change</p> <p>7. 800</p> <p>8. 1544</p> <p>9. 22</p> <p>10.164</p> <p>11. 405</p> <p>12. 43</p> <p>13. 765</p> <p>14.103</p> <p>15. 9</p> <p>16. 0</p>
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				<p>than rats or mice) did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>10. How many initials domestic service requests involving wasps did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>11. How many initials domestic service requests involving bedbugs did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>12. How many initials domestic service requests involving ants did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>13. How many initials domestic service requests involving cockroaches did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>14. How many initials domestic service requests involving insects other than those listed above did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>15. How many initials domestic service requests involving birds did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?</p> <p>16. How many initials domestic service</p>	
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					requests involving other public health pests did the Council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011?	
Public	10518	30/08/2011	27/09/2011	Traffic Regulations	<p>Subject: controlled parking hours in the SNE zone</p> <p>I have just been notified that it has been decided to extend controlled parking hours in the SNE zone from 10-12 Mon-Fri to 8am-6.30pm, seven days a week. I believe this is ridiculous and unnecessarily restrictive. The implied reason given is the opening of the Westfield shopping complex. I think is a complete red herring. The Westfield complex is about a mile away. Do you really expect us to believe that shoppers using the complex are going to park this far away. I think you are just using it as an excuse so you can impose further controls. You say that this change has been requested by the majority of the community. I just don't believe it. Under the Freedom of Information Act I am entitled to ask for evidence of this and that is what I would like to see.</p> <p>1. Provide figures to show how the community people voted in relation to the controlled hours, not just the numbers who actually voted but also the total number who were entitled to. For example if a majority of those who</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>This response relates to your email concerning the recent extension of the days and hours of parking control in the Stratford North East (SNE) and Stratford North West (SNW) Residential parking Zones.</p> <p>The revised hours of control were introduced on an experimental basis following public consultation, due to the potential impact from the Westfield shopping complex. A further detailed consultation is programmed for January/February 2012 to review the parking needs of the area, once Westfield has been open for a number of months. This will involve a full consultation on the days, hours and type of parking controls as part of the review.</p> <p>In terms of the consultation exercise, this was undertaken across all five Stratford residential parking zones (RPZs) during May and June 2011. The consultation (delivered to all residential and business addresses, including local schools) was to ascertain whether there was a need to extend the hours of parking control prior to the opening of the Westfield complex. In addition to the individual consultation packs adverts were placed in local press, the Newham Mag and on posters</p>

					<p>replied voted for the change but if, say, only 10% replied then that is not a valid mandate for the change.</p> <p>2. Allow me to see the returns if I wish so I can check and validate the results.</p> <p>3. Allow the community to have another vote on the proposed change so they can confirm this is really what they want.</p>	<p>on every road within each RPZ. The letter set out that the extended hours of parking control may be required to protect resident parking amenities from a combination of shoppers and / or staff employed at Westfield.</p> <p>The consultation involved a questionnaire which could be posted back to the council in the freepost envelope provided or on-line via the council website. The options offered were to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - retain the existing days and hours of parking control (10am to 12noon in the SNE and SNW zones); - extend the hours of control to operate 8am to 6.30pm, or extend the hours to operate 8am to 9pm; - retain the same days of control (Monday to Friday); - increase the days to Monday to Saturday, or to Monday to Sunday. <p>The council's stated policy on public consultation requires a minimum of 20% of all consultees invited to reply before the results can be considered. Should 20% of the consultees respond there is a requirement for 55% to request a change before the change can be recommended to the Councillors. The Council achieved the minimum response rate (20%) from both the SNE and SNW zones. The minimum response rate was not received from the other three RPZs. Of the responses received 67% in the SNE zone were in support of changing the days and hours of parking control and 62% were in support in the SNW</p>
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					<p>zone. Based on the response for these two zones, it was agreed by Councillors that the days and hours of parking control be extended to operate 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Sunday.</p> <p>In regards to Q2, all the responses were imputed on our database which we reported to local Councillors and a Council decision was made on that basis.</p> <p>Under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information such as personal details, including names of individuals, are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure of returns would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's would expect their details to be made available in the public domain without their consent.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>Council procedure does not permit individual members of the public to validate any of the key data as part of its decision process: there are democratically elected members from the</p>
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						local community involved in the decision process. We are not in a position to allow another public consultation to take place without following set Council procedures, and input from local Councillors.
Public	10519	30/08/2011	27/09/2011	Corporate Complaints and Ombudsman	<p>Subject: Vexatious or unreasonable complaints</p> <p>Please can you tell me with regards to your vexatious correspondence and complaints process</p> <p>(a) how many times this has been used in the last 5 years</p> <p>(b) how many times in the last 5 years has it been used broken down by department.</p> <p>(c) whether a warning system to advise service users of this procedure is in place.</p> <p>(d) whether there is any appeal process</p> <p>(e) has this been used in the last 5 years against individuals involved in the SEN Tribunal process</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>(1) Twice.</p> <p>(2) Both times used by Corporate Complaints.</p> <p>(3) A letter is written to the service user advising they may be restricted.</p> <p>(4) Yes.</p> <p>(5) No.</p>
Public	10546	30/08/2011	27/09/2011	Parks Constabulary	<p>Subject: Newham Parks Police</p> <p>Thank you for the detailed chart regarding FOI E9712. I have some questions regarding the chart. In the column marked 'employees'. As</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1.Figures with a minus in front of them simply represent income (money in rather than money out).</p>

					<p>well as wages, would this include any other types of payments?.</p> <p>The column marked 'supplies and services'. Could you expand on what this money was spent on?.</p> <p>The column marked third party payments. Could you expand on what this money was spent on?.</p> <p>The column marked 'corporate/management recharges'. Could you expand on what this money was spent on?.</p>	<p>2.The service was not self financing. Therefore, the various budget lines will not add up to the same amount as the total income. All costs over and above the total income were met by the Council's core revenue fund.</p> <p>3.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>4.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>5.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>6.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p>
Public	10550	30/08/2011	27/09/2011	Parks Constabulary	<p>Subject: Clarification of figures</p> <p>I have some questions regarding E9712 reply. In the column marked 'income'. All the figures have a minus sign in front of them. Does this indicate an overspend on the proposed budget for that year or some other reason?</p> <p>When columns marked employees, transport, supplies/services, 3rd part payments, corporate/management are added together, a figure higher than income is arrive at but when net cost is added to income, it makes the same amount. Can explain this formula?.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1.Figures with a minus in front of them simply represent income (money in rather than money out).</p> <p>2.The service was not self financing. Therefore, the various budget lines will not add up to the same amount as the total income. All costs over and above the total income were met by the Council's core revenue fund.</p> <p>3.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>4.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>5.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>6.Please see the attached spreadsheet.</p>

Public	10514	30/08/2011	27/09/2011	Registration Service	<p>Subject: Public Health funerals</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I write to request the following: The names of all Public Health Funerals/ bona vacantia estates passed or in the process of being referred i.e. pending referral to The Treasury Solicitor (BV department or Duchy of Lancaster within the last 4 weeks. We request the following information only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The full name of the deceased 2) The date of death 3) Last known address 4) Approximate value of estate (if not exempt) 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We have decided to refuse your request, including taking into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</p> <p>The council usually refer estates with a net value of over £500 to the Treasury Solicitor's Department. The department would then publish limited information about those valued at over £5,000, unless a claimant comes forward during the period before publication.</p> <p>In addition to this, the information you requested with regard to the date of birth and last known address are on the death certificate. This information is accessible from the General Register Office at www.gro.gov.uk.</p> <p>Further we rely on Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption applies where disclosure would be likely to prejudice a range of investigations and conduct, including the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing information under FOIA is equivalent to publishing it "to the world at</p>
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					<p>large”, and so our decision must be based on the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect bona vacantia (ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p> <p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a ‘public interest test’ is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough; and, the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p>
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						<p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding this information</p>
Political	10557	31/08/2011	28/09/2011	Local Service Centre	<p>Subject: Spend on translation services</p> <p>How much did LBN spend on providing translation services in 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham has a very clear policy on the use of translation. As a Council our emphasis is on encouraging individuals to learn English and the benefits this has in terms of increasing their independence and personal and economic capacity.</p> <p>We have also made clear the areas that will be translated and these are to support activity in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> &#61656; Information about English language courses &#61656; Council Tax and Benefits &#61656; School Admissions and Appeals

						<p>&#61656; Community Safety and Enforcement Activity</p> <p>&#61656; Safeguarding services for both children and adults</p> <p>&#61656; Electoral Registration (not voting)</p> <p>&#61656; Housing Options and Advice (information leaflets only)</p> <p>Please see below the amounts spent on translation services for the years requested:</p> <p>2008/9: £51,767.00 2009/10: £62,833.00 2010/11: £48,113.00</p>
Media	10536	31/08/2011	28/09/2011	HERITAGE SERVICES	<p>Subject: Museums and art galleries owned by Newham Council</p> <p>Please note that I am only interested in information which relates to the period August 30th 2010 to the present day.</p> <p>Please note that the reference to art works and works of art will include but not be limited to paintings, photographs, craft works, sculptures, etchings, sketches and drawings.</p> <p>1. Does the council manage and or own and or run any museums and art galleries in its area. If so can it please provide their full names and the number of art works in each one.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The London Borough of Newham does not own or run any museums or galleries.</p> <p>2. The London Borough of Newham maintains an assets register, called an Accessions Register. When an item comes into the collections, it is recorded manually in the register in sequential order and given an Accession Number. This method ensures that no records can be deleted or pages removed. Each item in the register is then detailed on a manual card index. The card index is being transferred onto an electronic database, however, completion of this work is several years away as the collections contain around 150,000 items (excluding the paper archives).</p>

					<p>2. Does the council own and or manage any other collection of art works in addition to those listed above. Please include details of all paintings owned and or managed and or held by the council which are not in any museum or art gallery. These will include but will not be limited to art works on council premises, as well as public art works and sculpture parks? In each case can you identify the art work and the artist.</p> <p>3. During the aforementioned period has the council sold and or tried to sell any art work (s) which it owns and or manages. If so can you please identify the art work together with the artist. Can you please indicate whether the work was actually sold and at what price. Can you please indicate who handled the sale on behalf of the council? Can you please include a list of works currently up for sale which have not been sold. Can you include their full title, the name of the artist and their expected value. In the case of items sold or up for sale can the council please state when they purchased and or acquired by the council and at what cost. Can the council also state where the art work was displayed and or stored?</p>	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(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.</p> <p>To obtain the information requested would require an Officer to search the manual records for each individual item and enter its name and artist. This would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>It is possible to book an appointment to view the Accessions Register by contacting the Arts and Heritage Manager on 02034302000.</p> <p>3. During the specified period LBN has not sold or attempted to sell, any art works which it owns or manages.</p>
Public	10537	31/08/2011	28/09/2011	PARKS	Subject: Allotment Tenancy Agreement and Related Costs	Summary:

					<p>1. Please could you send us the Tenancy Agreement that the Council currently uses for allotment plots in the Council?</p> <p>2. Please could you send us the previous Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the Council?</p> <p>3. Was the agreement changed following a public consultation?</p> <p>4. Please could you send us the documentation associated with this consultation that highlights the change in Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the Council?</p> <p>5. Is the Council planning to change the current Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the Council within the next 12 months?</p> <p>6. Can you please send us the cost of an allotment within your Council for the years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and what they will be for 2012 and 2013?</p> <p>7. Can you please send us the cost of using water as charged to individual plot holders within your Council for the years: 2008,2009, 2010, 2011 and what they will be for 2012 and 2013?</p> <p>8. Can you please send us the rate of</p>	<p>1.Please see the attached Allotment Tenancy Agreement 2008.</p> <p>2.Please see the attached Allotment Tenancy Agreement 2006.</p> <p>3.No.</p> <p>4.Not Applicable.</p> <p>5.It is possible that changes may be made to the Tenancy Agreement for 2012, but these have not yet been identified.</p> <p>6.Allotment rental fee:</p> <p>2008 - £15 to £36 2009 - £16 to £37 2010 - £18 to £38 2011 - £18 to £38 2012 - £20 to £40 2012- Not set yet.</p> <p>7.Water Charges:</p> <p>2008 - £10.00 2009 - £10.00 2010 - £10.40 2011 - £10.60 2012 - £11.00 2013 – Not set yet</p> <p>8. Discount for concessions:</p> <p>2008 – 70% 2009 – 60%</p>
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					<p>the discount available for renting an allotment plot within your Council for the years: 2008,2009, 2010, 2011 and what they will be for 2012 and 2013.</p> <p>9. What has the cost of waste removal been to the Council in relation to allotment sites for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and what are they likely be for 2012 and 2013?</p>	<p>2010 – 50% 2011 – 50% 2012 – 50% 2013 – Not set yet.</p> <p>9.Waste disposal costs across 7 sites:</p> <p>2008 - £3.625 2009 - £6.600 2010 - £3.850 2011 - £1.500 2012 - £1.500 (Projected cost) 2013 – £1.500 (Projected cost)</p>
Public	10555	31/08/2011	28/09/2011	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: CCTV code of practice</p> <p>Do you have a current CCTV code of practice/conduct that governs the way in which the council uses CCTV (mobile and/or static) for parking and traffic enforcement?</p> <p>If so, may I please have a copy under the Freedom of Information Act.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached CCTV code of practice as requested.</p>
Public	10539	01/09/2011	29/09/2011	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Cost of Parking Permits in the borough</p> <p>1. Please state the price of all parking permits at your local authority broken down by area and length of permit for each of the financial years 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11 in an Excel spreadsheet.</p> <p>2. Please state the number of permits</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below figures as requested. Please note prices are for all zones and the length of permit is one year:</p> <p>1. 2008/09 - 1st Permit - £15 2nd Permit - £30 3 or more Permits - £50</p>

					<p>issued to council employees by your local authority broken down by area and length of permit for each of the financial years 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11 in an Excel spreadsheet.</p>	<p>2009/10 - 1st Permit - Free 2nd Permit - £30 3 or more Permits - £50</p> <p>2010/11 - 1st Permit - Free 2nd Permit - £50 3 or more Permits - £100</p> <p>2. 2008/09 - 66 permits issued, 1 year, all zones 2009/10 - 155 permits issued, 1 year, all zones 2010/11 - 383 permits issued, 1 year, all zones</p> <p>Please see below link for information on charges for business parking permits; these charges would apply to Council employee permits:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/ParkingPermits/BusParkingPermit.htm</p>
Public	10548	01/09/2011	29/09/2011	Mayoral Support Team	<p>Subject: Sir Robin Wale</p> <p>I would like to know if the Mayor, Mr Wales is issued with a credit or debit card from Newham council? Does he have a Mobile phone issued by the Newham council? Does the mayor have use of a Car and driver.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) No, the Mayor is not issued with a credit or debit card.</p> <p>2) Yes, the Mayor is issued with a Newham Council mobile phone.</p> <p>3) For engagements that cannot be attended via public transport, the Mayor uses his own personal car at no cost to the Council. On an</p>

						infrequent basis when it is not possible for the Mayor to use his own car for official events, the Mayor uses a car which is part of the Council's fleet of vehicles. When using a pool car, a driver from the Council's Transport Services can be made available.
Media	10542	01/09/2011	29/09/2011	Pest Control	<p>Subject: Pest Control</p> <p>1. The number of incidents of pest infestation dealt with by your authority in each of the last two financial years (i.e., April 2009 to April 2011).</p> <p>2. A breakdown of the species concerned.</p> <p>3. If your authority is unable to provide this level of detail, please can you supply a response that will summarise recent trends over the given period, if there are any. For instance, whether has been an sharp or slight increase or fall in certain species.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The following statistics are for incidents of pest infestation in domestic properties in the Borough. They refer to initial visits booked by the service and do not include follow-up visits made: -</p> <p>1. April 2009 - March 2010: 4,499 April 2010 - March 2011: 3,855</p> <p>2. April 2009 - March 2010: - Rats: 810 Mice: 1620 Mammals: 6 Wasps: 186 Bed bugs: 639 Ants: 57 Cockroaches: 1079 Other Insects: 94 Birds: 8</p> <p>April 2010 - March 2011: - Rats: 800 Mice: 1544 Mammals: 22 Wasps: 164 Bed bugs: 405 Ants: 43</p>

						<p>Cockroaches: 765 Other Insects: 103 Birds: 9</p> <p>3. Not applicable.</p>
Media	10551	01/09/2011	29/09/2011	Pest Control	<p>Subject: Reports of bed bug infestation to Newham Council</p> <p>1.How many households (i.e. domestic properties) have reported a bed bug infestation to the council in 2010/11?</p> <p>2.During this period how many businesses (i.e. commercial properties such as hotels, cinemas, B&Bs, care homes etc) have reported a bed bug infestation to the council? For each business please detail the nature of the business.</p> <p>3.What is the total number of cases of bed bug infestations that have been reported to the council during 2010/11?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Council only records treatments carried out, and not reports of infestation. In 2010/11 a total of 405 household bed bug treatments were carried out.</p> <p>2. Newham's pest control department does not offer a service for commercial properties. No businesses have reported bed bug infestation to the Council.</p> <p>3. Reports of infestation are not recorded; please see answer 1 for the number of treatments carried out.</p>
Media	10552	01/09/2011	29/09/2011	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject: Events for London 2012 Cultural Olympiad and Festival 2012</p> <p>Under the freedom of information act, please supply me with the following:</p> <p>1. A list of all events that the council has organised that have been part of the "London 2012 Cultural Olympiad" and</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham has not organised any events that are part of "London 2012 Cultural Olympiad" and Festival 2012. The work of the 2012 Cultural Olympiad is delivered through CREATE which is a 6 Host Boroughs creation.</p>

					<p>Festival 2012.</p> <p>2. For all the events listed in question 1, please provide a full breakdown of the cost of the event.</p> <p>3. A list of all events that the council has given permission to external organisers to run that have been part of the "London 2012 Cultural Olympiad" and Festival 2012.</p> <p>4. For all the events listed in question 2 please provide a full breakdown of the cost estimates for the event.</p>	
Public	10541	01/09/2011	29/09/2011	DP Libraries	<p>Subject: Closure of Stratford Library</p> <p>1. When was the public consulted about this?</p> <p>2. Why hasn't this been announced on the web site or elsewhere? Obviously not publicised in the regular publications.</p> <p>3. Why is it felt appropriate in a deprived area that sorely needs every opportunity for education that a state of the art building / service is cut back?</p> <p>4. How many books will be on the shelves compared to currently?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) These are temporary changes. We will maintain the current number of libraries in the borough and to ensure they have a sustainable future by co-locating services for residents in community hubs. This policy has been widely communicated to residents, primarily through the Newham Mag.</p> <p>2) The changes have been announced in the Newham Magazine (issue 227). Please see the link below for more information, which is available on Newham Council's website:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/79A14F52-B028-4DEA-A653-05EDD7FE8EFD/0/NM227.pdf</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/aboutnewham/newhammag.htm</p> <p>3) It is important to note that the library is not</p>

						<p>being permanently closed. It will close temporarily for refurbishments and is due to re-open in spring 2012. It is being refurbished to enable the Council to offer a wider range of services to its residents in a more appropriate setting. There will be no reduction in service as a result of the changes.</p> <p>4) There will be no reduction in current lending stock.</p>
Public	10307	01/08/2011	30/09/2011	LEISURE MANAGEMENT - OPERATION	<p>Subject: Prevent programme</p> <p>I am undertaking some research into the government Prevent programme. I require the following information:-</p> <p>1) The total budget for PREVENT in Newham Council for each year starting 2007 to present.</p> <p>2) A list of organisations that have received PREVENT funding together with the amount and the main objective of the funding in each particular case.</p> <p>3) Which council department is responsible for allocating PREVENT funding?</p> <p>4) Is there a Preventing Violent Extremism focus/steering group? Who and what bodies does it consist of?</p> <p>5) Please attach any</p>	<p>Further response:</p> <p>Question Number 1:</p> <p>As none of the Prevent funding received from Central Government was ring-fenced, all the money not spent on Prevent was absorbed into the general Council budget.</p> <p>Question Number 2:</p> <p>The following services and organisations are represented on the CDRP/Prevent Delivery Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBN Environment • LBN Community Safety • LBN Policy, Partnerships and Communications • LBN Children and Young People Directorate (Schools) • LBN Finance • LBN Leisure • LBN Cleaning, Waste and Recycling • Metropolitan Police Service

				<p>documents/research that the council has undertaken to assist its decision making process of allocation and areas to focus on.</p> <p>6) What procedures/measures does the council undertake to ascertain the level of success in the intended objective of a particular PREVENT programme?</p>	<p>• Probation Service</p> <p>Summary:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1)</td> <td>Budget</td> <td>Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2007/08</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2008/09</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2009/10</td> <td>£400,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2010/11</td> <td>£619,000 (includes provision of £211,260 for 2011/12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2011/12</td> <td>Nil (as mentioned above £211,260 carried over from 2010/11)</td> </tr> </table> <p>2) The Office for Public Management received a total of £40,000 for producing the report entitled 'Research into Best Practice in Preventing Violent Extremism and Understanding the Causes of Violent Extremism'.</p> <p>St Mungo's received a total of £75,000 for delivering a project aimed at the resettlement of prisoners considered vulnerable to violent extremist radicalisation.</p> <p>3) Community Safety Services.</p> <p>4) There is a Prevent sub-group of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). The purpose of the CDRP to provide a joined up approach to make Newham a safer place to live and work by reducing crime and anti social behaviour, tackling substance misuse and addressing the fear of crime across all sections of the community. The CDRP is part of the Local Strategic Partnership. The</p>	1)	Budget	Total		2007/08	Nil		2008/09	Nil		2009/10	£400,000		2010/11	£619,000 (includes provision of £211,260 for 2011/12)		2011/12	Nil (as mentioned above £211,260 carried over from 2010/11)
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						<p>Prevent sub-group consists of representation from across a number of Newham Council services, as well as Probation Service and the Police.</p> <p>5) The London Borough of Newham commissioned the Office for Public Management to produce a report entitled 'Research into Best Practice in Preventing Violent Extremism and Understanding the Causes of Violent Extremism' (please see attached).</p> <p>6) Throughout the lifetime of the previous government, National Indicator 35 was used as a performance indicator for this work. All National Indicators were abolished by the new government in the summer of 2010. The Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism are working on a new performance indicator for Prevent which yet to be determined.</p>
Business	10547	01/09/2011	30/09/2011	Finance	<p>Summary: Business rates</p> <p>Could you provide by email the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:-</p> <p>a) A list of all addresses and rateable values for properties up to a rateable value threshold of £12,000</p> <p>b) A list of all addresses, up to a rateable value threshold value of £12,000, where the Council has awarded Small Business Rate Relief.</p>	<p>Stage 1 Summary:</p> <p>We write further to your email communication dated 14th September 2011, regarding your request for a review of the Council's response to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).</p> <p>This review relates to your previous request, received on 1st September 2011, for information regarding:</p> <p>(1) a list of all addresses and rateable values for properties up to a rateable value threshold of £12,000;</p>

						<p>(2) a list of all addresses, up to a rateable value threshold value of £12,000, where the Council has awarded Small Business Rate Relief.</p> <p>We responded on 5th September 2011, advising that the said information was exempted from disclosure under Sections 41 and 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>We have reviewed the initial response, taking into consideration the points outlined in your email dated 14th September 2011.</p> <p>In regards to question 1 above, our review concluded that information about properties with a Rateable Value below £12,000 can be released as this information is on the VOA website. Please see attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>By way of addressing your point on "how a potential credit can be claimed fraudulently given that the companies are already in receipt of credit". Anyone can use company information to their advantage and engage in ID theft, obtain goods without paying, compromise of data associated with the account holder, or other information that would routinely and necessarily be available to a trader during a legitimate business transaction. In our view fraud can occur as stated above without the account holder knowing that a fraud has been committed.</p>
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					<p>In relation to question 2, we are maintaining the position outlined in the initial response. We consider that, in keeping with section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act, it would be a breach of confidence to disclose the addresses of ratepayers who are receiving any relief, as the Council obtained this information following a private arrangement, made in good faith, between individuals and the Local Authority. Given that disclosure would have the potential to impact on individuals, we consider this would contravene the data protection principles and have therefore decided to maintain the exemption under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:</p> <p>41. (1) Information is exempt information if – (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p>
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					<p>(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.</p> <p>Section 31 - Law enforcement</p> <p>This information is also exempt under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law Enforcement. This exemption applies because the release of these details would prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Credits can be provided to companies in a variety of ways, including directly to a company representative by cash or cheque. Due to limited means of personal verification it is possible that credits could be claimed fraudulently.</p> <p>It has been concluded that disclosure of this information is not in the public interest as the disclosure of these details may lead to criminal activities such as fraud.</p> <p>Section 40 – Personal data</p> <p>Furthermore, we would apply Section 40, as disclosure of addresses of rate payers would result in the identification of individuals. Third party personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection</p>
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						<p>principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p>
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