

# Information Governance Report

## Responses to Requests

Period: 01/01/2011 to 31/01/2011

Type	Sub Enquiry ID	Date Received	Date Responded	Service	Enquiry Details	Response Details
Media	8361	02/12/2010	04/01/2011	Electoral Registration	<p><b>Subject: Selling/buying personal details of its residents</b></p> <p>I would like to request answers to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>1. How much money did the local authority make from selling personal details of its residents to third party organisations in the 2008/09 financial year?</p> <p>2. How much money did the local authority make from selling personal details of its residents to third party organisations in the 2009/10 financial year?</p> <p>3. How much money did the local authority spend on buying people's personal details from</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please note, residents can choose not to appear on the open register (the only data that is available commercially) which people are entitled to purchase. This approach is in line with all other Local Authorities.</p> <p>Income from sales of electoral register as permitted by statute:</p> <p>1. 2008/09 £3,928.50</p> <p>2. 2009/10 £3,537.50</p> <p>3. n/a</p> <p>4. n/a</p>

					<p>third party organisations in the 2008/09 financial year?</p> <p>4. How much money did the local authority spend on buying people's personal details from third party organisations in the 2009/10 financial year?</p>	
Public Bodies	8369	02/12/2010	04/01/2011	Parking Design	<p><b>Subject: Taxi ranks with no traffic management orders</b></p> <p>Please list all of your taxi ranks which do not have traffic management orders/lines/signage in place to prevent other vehicles from being ticketed when they park in these ranks.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Cab ranks in Newham have been provided by Transport for London at the locations below. No "no stopping on cab rank" orders are in place. However waiting and loading restrictions which apply are shown below. Outside the waiting restriction operational hours (if appropriate) vehicles can park. Outside the loading restriction operational hours vehicles can stop to load / unload. At all times vehicles can stop to pick up / set down passengers.</p> <p>Newham Cam Road (Gala Club), Stratford - no waiting at any time.</p> <p>Newham High Street North (East Ham Station) - no waiting at any time; no loading Mon -Fri 8am to 9.30 am and 4.30pm to 6.30pm</p> <p>Newham Kempton Road, East Ham - no waiting at any time; no loading Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm</p> <p>Newham Meridian Square, Stratford - no waiting and no loading at any time</p> <p>Newham Plaistow Road (Plaistow Station) - No restrictions on the ground although</p>

						<p>no waiting Mon -Sat 8am to 6.30pm applies according to the traffic order</p> <p>Newham Romford Road (Bow County Court), Stratford - No waiting Mon - Sat 7am to 7pm and No Loading Mon-Fri 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm</p> <p>Newham Service Route 1, Stratford - no waiting at any time</p> <p>Newham Silvertown Way, Canning Town - no waiting and no loading at any time</p> <p>Newham Broadway Stratford - as road works are in progress - markings are therefore unclear. However should be No waiting and no loading.</p>
Public	8378	03/12/2010	04/01/2011	Corporate Contracts	<p><b>Subject: Consultants</b></p> <p>1. Since January 2005, has the London Borough of Newham employed any former employees as consultants (as independent consultants or via a consultancy company)?</p> <p>2. If so, how many per year and what was the total annual remuneration for each consultant?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>We do not maintain this information. To check this we would have to search all Human Resources records for leavers and then all consultants' records going back 5years. This task would be very resource intensive and would take more than 2.5 days. 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 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</p>

						<p>would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>However, if you wish to narrow your request in terms of the period (maybe say the last 12 months) we could check.</p> <p>Please note, the Council's usual policy is not to re-engage those made redundant or otherwise leaving the Council on a consultancy basis.</p>																																
Media	8380	03/12/2010	04/01/2011	Pest Control	<p><b>Subject: Bed bug infestations</b></p> <p>1. The number of cases of bed bug infestations that have been reported to the council in each of the last 3 financial years. Please detail the number of distinct households that have reported a problem in each of the last 3 financial years, and the total number of reports. i.e. One household may have reported a bed bug infestation 3 times in three years. Therefore this would equate to one household, but 3 reports of an infestation).</p> <p>2. For each reported case, please provide the first part of the postcode, e.g. E2 or E16 - Of these total number of reports, how many resulted in a pest control officer (or equivalent) being sent out to deal with the problem.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Answer for question 1 and 2:</p> <p>Number of Visits Made</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Postcode</th> <th>2009/10</th> <th>2008/9</th> <th>2007/8</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>E6</td> <td>185</td> <td>215</td> <td>188</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E7</td> <td>142</td> <td>111</td> <td>131</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E12</td> <td>115</td> <td>139</td> <td>106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E13</td> <td>128</td> <td>95</td> <td>69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E15</td> <td>80</td> <td>87</td> <td>63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E16</td> <td>50</td> <td>40</td> <td>39</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTALS</b></td> <td><b>700</b></td> <td><b>687</b></td> <td><b>596</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The statistics provided are the recorded bookings made by the service to carry out treatment for bed bug infestations.</p> <p>3. The Council has an in-house Pest Control Service.</p>	Postcode	2009/10	2008/9	2007/8	E6	185	215	188	E7	142	111	131	E12	115	139	106	E13	128	95	69	E15	80	87	63	E16	50	40	39	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>596</b>
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Voluntary Sector	8382	03/12/2010	04/01/2011	Planning Policy and UDP	<p><b>Subject: Housing</b></p> <p>I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:</p> <p>1. What annual:  (a) affordable  (b) market housing target was being used to inform planning decisions in your local authority area on:  (i) 1st May 2010  (ii) 1st November 2010  (iii) 1st December 2010, and what was the source of each of these targets?</p> <p>2. Has the council updated its Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) since January 2010 and, if so, what is the new assessment of affordable housing required?</p> <p>3. Is your local authority currently determining or consulting on new annual housing targets and, if so, what</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The existing London Plan net additional housing target is 3510 net units per year. The draft replacement London Plan target is 2500 net units per year (operative target end of 2011).</p> <p>Newham has agreed housing targets with GoL through our LAA for the period 2008/09 to 2010/11, which totals 3510 net additional units over the three year period, broken into the following:  2008/09 - 1088 net (1214 actual)  2009/10 - 1484 net (1478 actual pending approval of 09/10 AMR)  2010/11 - 938 net</p> <p>Newham has an affordable housing target with the GLA for the period 2008/09 to 2010/11 of 2300 gross units' dependant on HCA funding for 900 street acquisitions. HCA funding has been provided for only 163 units.</p> <p>2. See Newham's SHMA (August 2010) at the following link for full affordable housing data: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/LDFevidencebase.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/LDFevidencebase.htm</a></p> <p>3. Newham's net additional housing targets are set out by the GLA within the London Plan. Newham is not</p>

					are these draft targets? Please provide a copy of any consultation documents.	currently consulting on housing targets however new affordable housing targets (as a percentage rather than numerical) but will be included during the next consultation phase of our core strategy, which is currently scheduled for February 2011. Newham's future housing delivery estimates are contained within our Annual Monitoring Report, which is updated on an annual basis. The latest report can be accessed via the following link: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/AnnualMonitoringReport.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/AnnualMonitoringReport.htm</a>
Public	8366	03/12/2010	04/01/2011	Planning Policy and UDP	<b>Subject: Camel Road Sound Screen</b>  By July 2010 London City Airport should have carried out will and complete a study of the existing Camel Road Sound Screen in order to determine any improvements that should be made to enhance the noise attenuation properties. This was to be submitted to the LBN and any recommendations implemented following their approval.  Please provide me a copy of the study.	<b>Summary:</b>  Please see the requested information attached.
Public	6243	01/03/2010	05/01/2011	Property Valuation	<b>Subject: Building 1000</b>  At the Mayors Question Time Robin Wales stated that	<b>Summary:</b>  We write to acknowledge receipt of your request for a review of the Council's response to you, on

					<p>Newham Council had been offered more money for Building 1000 than Newham Council had paid.</p> <p>Can I have the documentation of this offer?</p>	<p>30/04/2010, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Council's Internal Review Policy, included with the attached email, stipulates that request for a review should be made within 2 months of receipt. Unfortunately, your request is therefore 'out of time', given that over 7 months have elapsed since we responded to your initial FOI request.</p>
Media	8237	12/11/2010	05/01/2011	<p>Post 16 and Out of School Learning</p>	<p><b>Subject: Children under 16 and out of school learning</b></p> <p>I would like to request information regarding children not in school or a pupil referral unit, but taught through alternative provision. Below is a list of questions, if you need clarification please contact me at the earliest opportunity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many children under 16 are educated by the local authority, but not in school or a pupil referral unit? What form does this alternative provision take – for example home tutors, lessons in community centres.</li> <li>2. What is the budget allocation for this alternative provision in this current financial year, and for 2011/12? What was the budget provision in 2005?</li> <li>3. What is the budget allocation for home tuition for children</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We currently have 54 children in receipt of home tuition - all of these students are either on the roll of the Pupil Referral Unit or on the roll of school. The tuition is provided through a range of forums, in the home, in a local community provision, or in the PRU as a transition towards re joining mainstream education.</li> <li>2. There is no dedicated budget for home tuition it is integrated into the whole PRU budget.</li> <li>3. There is no dedicated budget for home tuition it is integrated into the whole PRU budget.</li> <li>4. The demand fluctuates and can change on a month by month basis. The current number (December 2010) is 54 and demand fluctuates month to month but 50 is about average.</li> <li>5. The Local Authority have a statutory responsibility to provide 5 hours of home tuition - this is provided in all case except for in a small minority of cases when a pupil is too unwell to access education.</li> <li>6. The home tuition comes under the management of the Pupil Referral Unit and is accountable to the PRU</li> </ol>

					<p>taught through alternative provision? What was the budget provision in 2005?</p> <p>4. How many children receive home tuition paid for by the council? Is the demand increasing, or decreasing?</p> <p>5. What are the maximum and minimum levels of home tuition given to a child (for example the number of hours)? What is the average?</p> <p>6. How is the home tuition provision supervised and monitored in your LA?</p> <p>7. How many children are known to your authority, but are currently not in any form of education? If known what are the main reasons for this?</p> <p>8. What is the current pupil referral unit provision in your local authority? What numbers of pupils are currently taught in PRUs? What age range do your PRUs cover?</p>	<p>Management Committee. There is rigorous monitoring and the PRU is subject to Statutory Ofsted Inspections.</p> <p>7. All pupils in the Authority without a school place are referred to our Gatekeeping panels and a named school is identified alternatively they are placed on the roll of one of the PRUs for further assessment to inform the identification of an appropriate place.</p> <p>8. Newham currently has two pupil referral units:  a). Key Stage 3 and 4 students and has a capacity of 72 students  b). Key Stage 4 students and has a capacity of 50 places on site. It also commissions some additional provision.</p>
Public	8374	06/12/2010	06/01/2011	Corporate Contracts	<p><b>Subject: Procurement</b></p> <p>1. Please provide me with a list of all contractors used as consultants from March 2005 to</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Due to the historical nature of the information requested, locating and retrieving it would involve trawling through our records. This task will be very</p>

					<p>April 2010. Please list all vendors that have been primarily concerned with supplying consultancy services to Newham by department and vendor type (i.e. consultancy firms, individual contractors and other consultancy firms).</p> <p>2. Would you please list the expenditure for each contractor and the total expenditure per department?</p>	<p>resource intensive and would take more than 2.5 days. 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>However, if you wish to narrow your request in terms of the period (maybe say the last 12 months) we could check.</p>
Public	8410	07/12/2010	06/01/2011	Environment Health	<p><b>Subject: Display Energy Certificates</b></p> <p>This enquiry revolves around the compliance of provision of Display Energy Certificates (“DEC”), Energy Performance Certificates (“EPC”), and Air Conditioning inspection Reports (“ACR”), within your local territory.</p> <p>1. Regarding DEC’s, how many public buildings are compliant with the regulations and have the appropriate DEC in place?</p> <p>2. Given the requirements have been in place two years now, if a member of the public reported</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. An initial survey has indicated most are. However, Trading Standards (TS) are due to carry out a detailed project into this area when a more accurate result can be given.</p> <p>2. Trading Standards would initially provide advice. If this was not followed a penalty would be issued.</p> <p>3. Three- approximately one tenth of each officers average annual training</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a. New Build EPC - None  b. Dwellings EPC (for sale) - One  c. Dwellings EPC (for rental) - Three  d. Non-dwellings EPC - None  e. DEC - One  f. ACR - None</p>

				<p>a public building without a DEC, would Trading Standards issue a penalty for non-compliance?</p> <p>3. How many Trading Standards Officers have attended workshops and seminars on the regulations (or elements of the regulations)? What proportion of their annual training would this consist of?</p> <p>4. How many enquiries has Trading Standards made in each of the following for potential non-compliance of the EPBD regulations?  a. New Build EPC  b. Dwellings EPC (for sale)  c. Dwellings EPC (for rental)  d. Non-dwellings EPC  e. DEC  f. ACR</p> <p>5. Of the above enquiries how many were found to be non-compliant with the regulations?</p> <p>6. How many of the following has Trading Standards issued for transgression of the regulations?  a. Warning letter  b. Penalty Notice (including total value of the fines)</p>	<p>5. None.</p> <p>6.  a. Warning letter – None  b. Penalty Notice (including total value of the fines)- None</p> <p>7. None.</p> <p>8. N/A</p> <p>9.  a. New Build EPC -None  b. Dwellings EPC (for sale) - One visit to an Estate agent  c. Dwellings EPC (for rental) - Seven visits have been made to letting agents and details requested for Lettings EPC's. All ok.  d. Non-dwellings EPC - None  e. DEC -None  f. ACR - None</p> <p>10. Trading Standards are due to carry out a joint project with Housing team.</p>
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					<p>7. How much extra funding did local Trading Standards receive from Central Government for encouraging compliance of, and enforcement of the EPBD regulations?</p> <p>8. How specifically has this money been spent?</p> <p>9. Since 21st May 2010 what work has been carried out by local Trading Standards with regard to enforcing compliance of the regulations for the following?</p> <p>a. New Build EPC  b. Dwellings EPC (for sale)  c. Dwellings EPC (for rental)  d. Non-dwellings EPC  e. DEC  f. ACR</p> <p>10. As of January 4th 2011, the requirement for ACRs is reduced to all systems greater than 12kW (from the current 250kW). What provisions are in place for Trading Standards to cope with this far larger volume of buildings to be inspected for compliance?</p>	
Business	8411	07/12/2010	06/01/2011	Business Rates	<b>Subject: Empty Commercial Properties</b>	<b>Summary:</b>  Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the

				<p>We write to request the following disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). Specifically we require the details of all owners (as defined by the Local Government Finance Act 1998) of properties which have a rateable value in excess of £100,000 on a 'qualifying industrial hereditament' (as defined by The Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) Regulations 2008), who are currently liable to pay Empty Rates.</p> <p>The information that we require in respect of each matching record is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Address of the property which is empty and liable to empty rates</li> <li>-Rateable value of the property</li> <li>-Name of the ratepayer</li> <li>-Address to which rates bills are sent</li> <li>-Date from which the property became vacant</li> </ul> <p>This request is made by Altus Edwin Hill Chartered Surveyors. Our correspondence address is shown at the end of</p>	<p>right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case Section 31(1) (a) exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information.</p> <p>The Council holds information regarding empty properties on either its Business Rates or Council Tax database. The only means by which such data can be accessed would be by processing the data held with reference to identifying which properties received a relevant empty property exemption from either Council Tax or Business Rates.</p> <p>It is our view that Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies to this request. This section provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would prejudice the "prevention or detection of crime". Putting the addresses of empty properties (residential or otherwise) within the London Borough of Newham into the public domain would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and would prejudice the objectives of preventing criminal behaviour. We consider there is a significant risk that releasing details of empty properties might lead to burglary, arson or squatting. Within the Borough there have been occasions when fires have been set in empty properties. In relation to domestic and commercial empty properties, there is also known use of such empty properties to commit benefit fraud, identity fraud and money laundering.</p> <p>We have consulted with other Boroughs who have also received similar requests; we have been advised that concerns have also been expressed by the Metropolitan Police. These concerns indicate that release of the</p>
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				<p>this email.</p> <p>Altus Edwin Hill requires this information to protect the interests of non-domestic ratepayers within the Council area and represent many occupiers and owners who are liable to Business Rates.</p>	<p>information sought would in the police's view increase the potential for the properties to be targeted by squatters, by criminals or terrorists intent on hiding or depositing proceeds of crime or terrorist materials. There is also the potential for premises to be identified as short-term hiding places by criminals or terrorists. We have consulted our local police and they have confirmed the number of incidents of crimes carried out on empty properties, and their view is that disclosing this information would prejudice the prevention of crime.</p> <p>These incidents would support the concerns we have as to the prejudice to the prevention of crime in the London Borough of Newham if the information were disclosed. The Act does not allow the Council to enquire as to motives, nor do we have any control over distribution of the information once it is released into the public domain.</p> <p>Section 31 is a qualified exemption to which the public interest test must be applied. There do not appear to be any obvious public interest considerations that would weigh in favour of disclosure beyond that wherever possible it is in the public interest for them to have access to information. There is however in our view clear public interest considerations that weigh in favour of not disclosing the information since to do so would prejudice the objective of prevention of crime which is of course in everyone's interests. Having considered whether the public interest weighs in favour of disclosure or non-disclosure in this instance we have decided that it is not in the public interest to release such information.</p> <p>In addition, disclosure of the names and addresses of</p>
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					<p>owners of commercial properties would 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 the owners of commercial properties would expect their name and address to be made available in the public domain without their consent. Therefore, we have also applied Section 40 (2) exemption and has decided to refuse your request for information.</p> <p>Section 40 of the FOIA provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of person al data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act 1998. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest in disclosure.</p>
Public	8421	07/12/2010	06/01/2011	<p>Adult Services (FOI)</p> <p>I would like figures from April 1st 2009 until November 1st 2010 for the following questions. All these questions are with reference to the deprivation of liberty safeguards since they came into force in April 2009, as they apply to care homes, and not hospitals. Please do not include information relating to hospitals in your response.</p> <p>1. How many applications for urgent authorisations for a deprivation of liberty have you received from managing</p>	<p><b>Subject: Deprivation of Liberty safeguards</b></p> <p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. We have received a total of 20 requests for urgent authorisation between 1 April 2009 - 1 November 2010</p> <p>2. We have received a total of 53 requests for standard authorisations since 1 April 2009 - 1 November 2010, of which 20 of these were urgent.</p> <p>3. A total of 5 have failed because they did not meet the criteria for the best interest assessment.</p> <p>a. There has been 1 case where an urgent authorisation has failed the criteria but where deprivation of liberty was occurring.</p> <p>4. A total of 7 have failed because they did not meet the criteria for the best interest assessment.</p> <p>a. There has been 1 case where a standard authorisation has failed the criteria but where</p>

				<p>authorities of care homes?</p> <p>2. How many applications for standard authorisations for a deprivation of liberty have you received from managing authorities of care homes?</p> <p>3. How many of these applications for urgent authorisations for a deprivation of liberty have been rejected because they failed the 'best interests' assessment?</p> <p>a. How many of these best interests assessments have failed on the grounds that the detention is not in a person's best interests and where a deprivation of liberty has been found to be already occurring?</p> <p>4. How many of these applications for a standard authorisation for a deprivation of liberty have been rejected because they failed the 'best interests' assessment?</p> <p>a. How many of these best interests assessments have failed on the grounds that the detention, where it is felt it will occur, will not be a in person's 'best interests'?</p>	<p>deprivation of liberty was occurring.</p> <p>5. We have not appointed any section 39C IMCA's.</p> <p>6. Since April 2009, we have appointed 7 section 39D IMCA's whereby each 39D IMCA's have recorded contacts of one hour with each of the representatives. None of the representatives who were contacted required any further assistance. As part of our process we ask Age UK to make contact with family representatives to offer continuous support.</p> <p>7. One case is being appealed through the Court of Protection</p> <p>a. The case is still in progress</p> <p>b. The case is still in progress</p> <p>8. None</p> <p>9. None</p> <p>10. The DoLS Team does not keep records on whether the service users are in receipt of any health funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urgent Authorisation = We have had no applications for people who are privately funded</li> <li>• Standard Authorisation = We have had no applications for people who are privately funded</li> </ul>
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					<p>about a possible unlawful deprivation of liberty?</p> <p>9. In how many instances has the deprivation of liberty assessment process been triggered by the Care Quality Commission contacting the supervisory body about a possible unlawful deprivation of liberty?</p> <p>10. Separately, for standard and urgent applications, please indicate which authorizations related to people whose care was funded by the local authority and those where funding was provided by other sources (e.g. health funding, privately commissioned etc).</p>	
Public	8595	05/01/2011	06/01/2011	Communications/ Press office/publicity	<p><b>Subject: Expenditure over £500</b></p> <p>Has the Council published details of expenditure over £500 and if so where can I get access. If not when does it intend to do so?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Council has not yet published details of expenditure over £500. It is anticipated that this information will be published on the Council's website by the end of January.</p>
Business	8422	08/12/2010	10/01/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p><b>Subject: Payments made by LBN for residential care services to Alliance Home Care Ltd</b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>We have checked our electronic archives (which only go back as far as 1998, not 1995) and we could not find</p>

					<p>Require details of the total fees for residential care in respect of placements for adult residential care for persons with learning difficulties made by LBN at the three residential care homes detailed below.</p> <p>Also require a split between the proportion of residents' fees paid by LBN and the proportion of these fees paid by residents' contributions or any other means.</p> <p>Information required for the period 01/10/95 - 21/03/2002. If the requested information is available for only part of the period requested, we should be grateful if you would provide the information for that shorter period.</p>	<p>the vendor name Alliance Home Care Ltd or Priory Home Care Limited in any year between 1998 and 2002.</p>
Organisation	8423	08/12/2010	10/01/2011	Performance	<p><b>Subject: Key statistics for Newham</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where do Newham rank on the index of deprivation for London and nationally?</li> <li>2. What percentage of the population are under 25?</li> <li>3. What are the average house</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>None of the information requested is collected or managed by the Council. Please note that the information is publically available data and can be found by looking at the following publically available websites:</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/KeyStatisticsandCensusInformation.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/KeyStatisticsandCensusInformation.htm</a></p>

				<p>prices?</p> <p>4. What is the population density of Newham?</p> <p>5. How many people live here?</p> <p>6. What is the ethnic breakdown of Newham?</p>	<p>Newham INFO CLG Office National Statistics Land Registry</p> <p>The information you are requesting is exempt under section 21(2) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In this instance the information is accessible to you by other means, therefore the information will not be provided under the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>21 Information accessible to applicant by other means (1)Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information. (2)For the purposes of subsection (1)— (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment</p>
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Public	8429	10/12/2010	10/01/2011	Environmental Health	<p><b>Subject: Information on Fish and Chip shops incorrectly labelling fish</b></p> <p>1. The names and addresses of any shops selling fish and chips which have been found to be labelling fish as different fish to the one actually sold.</p> <p>2. In each case can you provide the name of the fish the product was labelled as the name of the fish actually being sold?</p> <p>3. Could you also provide details of any punishment - for e.g. caution, fine?</p> <p>4. Where fines have been issued can you provide the amount of the fine?</p> <p>I would like this information for 2009 and 2010.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. None.</p> <p>2. Not applicable.</p> <p>3. Not applicable.</p> <p>4. Not applicable.</p>
Public	8431	10/12/2010	10/01/2011	Land Charge searches	<p><b>Subject: Form CON29 in mid 2002</b></p> <p>I would like details of the changes in the property search market since the introduction of the new Form CON29 in mid 2002.</p> <p>I wish to establish how the</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>We are only able to provide figures from financial year 2005/2006 as Land Charges was computerised in March 2005.</p> <p>Further data before 2005 is unavailable.</p> <p>Financial Years:</p>

				<p>market in the area of your local authority has changed over the period April 2001 to March 2011 (or to date).</p> <p>Please advise me of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The number of official searches and Forms Con 29 issued/undertaken in each year</li> <li>2.The number of Forms LLC1 issued in each year</li> <li>3.The number of personal searches undertaken in each year</li> <li>4.The number of NLIS searches undertaken in each year</li> <li>5.Can you please itemise for each year 2001-2010 and make clear whether the figures relate to a financial or calendar year</li> </ol>	<p>2005/2006; 2006/2007; 2007/2008; 2008/2009 2009/2010; 2010/2011</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3866; 4469; 3168; 932; 1087; 933</li> <li>2. 1325; 1165; 742; 683; 1262; 205</li> <li>3. 2501; 3074; 3377; 1820; 1500; 584</li> <li>4. 985; 1268; 1319; 503; 513; 448</li> </ol>
Media	8454	09/12/2010	11/01/2011	<p>Newham Unit for 2012 Games</p> <p><b>Subject: Financial/accounting arrangements</b></p> <p>Request for the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A copy of the contract or any documents detailing any financial/accounting arrangements between the</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Newham Council is an active participant of the Five Borough Unit. However, there are an additional four participating boroughs and this response should only be taken as one on behalf of the London Borough of Newham. As the London Borough of Newham is solely a participant of the Five Boroughs Unit, the Council does not hold all of the information requested.</p>

				<p>council and (Olympics) Five Boroughs Unit.</p> <p>2. A breakdown of all council expenditure relating to the Five Boroughs Unit since September 2009.</p> <p>3. This must include any invoices, contracts and agreements detailing what the expenditure was for and any documents showing how this expenditure was monitored by the authority.</p> <p>4. All emails between the Five Borough Unit chief executive Roger Taylor and any council officials since September 2009.</p> <p>5. Any minutes of meetings between council officials and Five Borough Unit officials since September 2009</p> <p>6. Any evidence of how borough residents have benefited from the work of the Five Borough Unit.</p>	<p>The task of locating and retrieving documents detailing the units' expenditure and accounting arrangements would require an extensive manual search of all records including emails, letters and reports dating back to 2009.</p> <p>Due to the large volume of correspondence the Council has collated, we predict that the exercise of collating and identifying relevant material will exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>In addition to this, undertaking the exercise of identifying minutes of meetings between the Five Borough's Unit (of which Newham is just one part of) and the use of Council officers to undertake this exercise will increase the number of hours required in locating minutes of meetings, relevant documentation and emails between the Unit and third parties.</p> <p>We can confirm that we do hold this information but unfortunately it is not in an easily retrievable format nor is there an automated mechanism that would allow us to easily collate the required data.</p> <p>In order to provide a response to your request from the period from September 2009 to date would entail identifying and retrieving minutes, invoices, accounting records, emails, searching through each one to ascertain if they relate to the issues you have raised and then extrapolating the information in order to answer your various queries. As there are a number of documents, the Council considers that a reasonable estimate of the cost of complying with your request is likely to be well in excess of the appropriate cost limit, namely £450. Accordingly, the Council relies on the</p>
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						<p>provisions of s.12 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is unable to comply with your request for that portion of the specified period for which is still holds potentially relevant documents.</p> <p>We apologise that your information request cannot be fulfilled. However, the exercises of collating and locating the requested information have exceeded the appropriate limit.</p> <p>If you are dissatisfied with this response and wish to appeal, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 3737 or email us at <a href="mailto:information.governance@newham.gov.uk">information.governance@newham.gov.uk</a>, and your complaint will be dealt with through our Internal Review procedure.</p> <p>If you are still not satisfied following the Internal Review, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. He can be contacted at:</p> <p>Information Commissioner's Office  Wycliffe House  Water Lane  Wilmslow  Cheshire  SK9 5AF  Telephone: 01625 545 700  <a href="http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk">www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk</a></p>
Public	8424	09/12/2010	11/01/2011	Highway Records	<p><b>Subject: Street lights in Newham</b></p> <p>Can you please supply the</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. 19221</p>

					<p>following information;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of street lights in your LA area.</li> <li>2. The average wattage.</li> <li>3. The annual electricity cost of the street lights.</li> <li>4. The annual maintenance cost of street lighting.</li> <li>5. The person/dept responsible for street lighting.</li> </ol>	<p>2. 102.3</p> <p>3. £1,234,500.55 for the year 2009/10.</p> <p>4. £298,141.59</p> <p>5. Head of Asset Maintenance - Mr. Jaspal Sehmi for Maintenance and Head of Built Environment - Mr. Paul Rogers for New Build &amp; Replacement / Highways, Transportation &amp; Parking.</p>
Union	8425	09/12/2010	11/01/2011	Pensions	<p><b>Subject: Local Government Pension Scheme</b></p> <p>In the Council's capacity as an employing authority, for each of the last five years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many individuals eligible for membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme were employed by the authority?</li> <li>2. How many of those employees were active members of the Local Government Pension Scheme?</li> <li>3. Does the authority monitor the opt-out rate of employees</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Individuals eligible for membership of The Local Government Pension Scheme are as follows:</p> <p>31/03/2006 : 8696 31/03/2007 : 8873 31/03/2008 : 9180 31/03/2009 : 8951 31/03/2010 : 9041</p> <p>2. Active members of The Local Government Pension Scheme are as follows:</p> <p>31/03/2006 : 6631 * 31/03/2007 : 5960 31/03/2008 : 6153 31/03/2009 : 6064 31/03/2010 : 6010</p>

					from the Local Government Pension Scheme and if so, how?	<p>* In 2006 there was no split between Newham Employees and Admitted Body employees who also contribute to the pension scheme which is why this figure is higher as it includes employees with Authorities who have admitted body status but are not employed by Newham.</p> <p>3. The opt out rate is monitored from the point of view that as an employer Newham is aware of the numbers and percentages of contributing and non contributing employees on a month by month basis. The Local Government Pension Scheme does not have compulsory membership so employees are able to opt out as they wish.</p>
Public	8432	13/12/2010	13/01/2011	Policy and Research	<p><b>Subject: Information about number of children enrolled in schools in our LEA</b></p> <p>1. How many children do you currently have enrolled in schools in your LEA?</p> <p>2. If possible, can you tell me the numbers of children enrolled who are between 8 and 18?</p> <p>3. Can you give me information on numbers of children enrolled, broken down by school in your LEA?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>We have attached a spreadsheet from the most recent school census we undertook in October 2010. This contains two tables of data - a count of all children enrolled in Newham schools - sorted by school (questions 1 and 3) and a profile by school for children aged between 8 and 18 (for question 2).</p>
Public	8449	13/12/2010	13/01/2011	Members Allowances, expenses and claims	<p><b>Subject: Banding of Anti-Social Behaviour Portfolio</b></p> <p>Refers to meeting of the Panel</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>There is no record of how long the meeting lasted. The Panel considered the information contained in the Anti-</p>

					<p>held on 30th June 2010 where the allocation of portfolios was agreed.</p> <p>Please state how long the independent panel meeting lasted and supply all information considered by the panel relating to the banding of the anti-social behaviour portfolio as provided by the mayor's office.</p>	<p>Social Behaviour portfolio as attached to the Council's website at:  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgExecPostDetails.aspx?ID=1243">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgExecPostDetails.aspx?ID=1243</a></p>
Media	8430	13/12/2010	13/01/2011	Communications/ Press office/publicity	<p><b>Subject: How much has LBN spent on advertising/literature</b></p> <p>1. How much has your authority spent in 2010/11 on advertising in explaining financial cutbacks you intend to make or on asking for feedback from the public?</p> <p>2. How much money has your council spent in 2010/11 on producing literature for the authority area to explain cutbacks, such as posters, leaflets etc?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. None.</p> <p>2. None.</p>
Public	8466	13/12/2010	13/01/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p><b>Subject: Number of Somali children being held under the care of fostering</b></p> <p>I am requesting for the full statistics of the number of child</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Our records show that there are three young people (who are currently looked after) have had their ethnicity classified on our computer database as Somali.</p>

					British Somali citizens and non-British child Somali UK residents being held/ or under the care of fostering in your council. These include all Categories of foster care (emergency, short term, short break/respice, long term and permanency).	We are unable to provide a further breakdown as to whether the three children are British Somali Citizens or non British Somali UK residents.
Business	8483	14/12/2010	13/01/2011	Development Control	<p><b>Subject: Display Energy Certificates</b></p> <p>1. Full list of all buildings in local authority area that meet the criteria specified in the Regulations as requiring them to have a DEC.</p> <p>2. For each building identified as being affected by these regulations, please provide the full address, together with the Report Reference Number, date of issue and rating for the most recent DEC issued and the report Reference Number and date of issue of the Advisory Report for the building where one exists.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. An initial survey has indicated most buildings are DEC compliant. However, Trading Standards (TS) are due to carry out a detailed project into this area when a more accurate result can be given.</p> <p>2. List of premises visited 2010 with regards to Energy Performance Certificates:</p> <p>1). Unique Business Services, 730 Romford Road, E12.  2). Upsdales, 734 Romford Road, E12.  3). LetHomes, 859 Romford Road, E12.  4). First Contact Ltd, 830 Romford Road, E12.  5). Homewise, 806 Romford Road, E12.  6). Victor Michael, 74 Leytonstone Road, 15 1SQ.</p> <p>There is no advisory report; therefore we do not hold this information.</p>
Public	8490	14/12/2010	17/01/2011	Communications	<b>Subject: Request for various Council projects expenditure and cost</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The information requested is contained in the attached document.</p>

				<p>I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Start up cost and cost per year of 'Every Child a Musician'</li> <li>2. Cost per year of 'Under the Stars', 'Mayor's Newham Show', Fireworks night display, Dockside Festival, and all such events put on by the Council</li> <li>3. Cost per year of Newham Mag</li> <li>4. Cost per year of Community Forum News inserts distributed with Newham Mag</li> <li>5. Total cost per year of 'The Insider' and cost per year of paper version of 'The Insider'</li> <li>6. Cost per year of universal free school meals provision</li> <li>7. Income lost in free school meal funding through those entitled not bothering to claim due to universal provision (per year)</li> <li>8. Total cost of recent rebranding of council to 'Newham London'</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. We offer a series of events throughout the year which engage and enthuse the broad range of people living in Newham and these play a significant part in the Borough's successful community cohesion. They are all only advertised in the Borough ensuring maximum resident attendance.</li> </ol> <p>Under the Stars - cost £362,400, attendance 48,000, cost per head £7.94  Mayor's Newham Show - cost £429,000, attendance 50,000, cost per head £8.58  Fireworks Night - £105,000, attendance 23,000, cost per head £5  Newham Waterfront Festival - cost£30,000, attendance 18,000, cost per head £2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Net cost for 2009/10 was £455,685.08</li> <li>4. £91,737.66</li> <li>5. The weekly Insider for staff is one page electronic and cost negligible. The paper version of Insider to cover staff who are not desk based was costs £20,946 a year. This covers 10 editions and we are reducing to six in the next financial year, with associated cost savings.</li> <li>6. Extra cost to Newham of the pilot in Primary schools is £2.8m in full year.</li> <li>7. No income is lost in the circumstances described.</li> <li>8. The rebranding is being carried out on a gradual basis (i.e. as and when the Council vehicles are renewed etc). This year the required renewal of six welcome signs at major entrances to the Borough</li> </ol>
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				<p>9. Start up cost and cost per year of pool cars</p> <p>10. Level of use of pool cars</p> <p>11. Total cost so far of Customer Access Programme (cost to include redundancy payments)</p> <p>12. Total savings delivered by the Customer Access Programme so far (savings to be broken down between actual cash savings and projected/potential savings).</p> <p>13. All cost figures to include staff costs and a breakdown of costs as appropriate.</p>	<p>because of erosion, rust etc. It was carried out at a total cost of £15,839.83p each.</p> <p>9. There was no start up cost for the pool cars they are on hire with maintenance. This gives us the flexibility of increasing or decreasing the size of the pool car fleet as required for operational reasons. Pool cars are based at Dockside and Warehouse 'K'. The external cost for hire is £110 per week per vehicle. This does not include insurance or fuel, which being a Hybrid is ideal for use around built up areas like Newham.</p> <p>10. 8 miles per day on average. These vehicles are used to visit clients, meetings and for use by CASB from Warehouse 'K'.</p> <p>11. Attached is a document from Finance outlining costs broken down as requested. There are no directly attributable redundancy costs so far.</p> <p>12. Having consulted with our Finance and ED Resources, the consensus is that the above question is not clear enough in order to provide a response. In your question you asked for total savings delivered 'so far' but then you required us to broken down into 'projected/potential savings'. We are not sure if this requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An answer which outlines the projected or potential savings so far or,</li> <li>- An outline of the projected or potential savings in the future.</li> </ul> <p>We are writing under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order for us to be able to provide you with a response please clarify the above</p>
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						point for question 12.
Media	8491	15/12/2010	17/01/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p><b>Subject: Supporting people with No Recourse to Public Funds</b></p> <p>1. Please can you tell me how much money was spent by your local authority in the last financial year supporting people with No Recourse to Public Funds?</p> <p>2. As well as the total sum, please could you tell me what types of social groups have been supported (e.g.: Failed asylum seekers who did not have a child when the claim failed: Women who entered the UK for marriage and report domestic violence; post-18 former unaccompanied asylum seeking children or Visa overstayers) and how much was paid to each group?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The expenditure in 2009/2010 was £875,331.05.</p> <p>2. Children are Young People Service provide services to children and their families who are deemed to be children in need under the Children Act 1989. The department undertake an assessment as part of the safeguarding process, to determine eligibility and framework of duty as part of the decision-making process. The department utilises the following legislations, the Children Act 1989 and 2004, Leaving Care Act 2002, National Assistance Act 1948, the Human Rights Act article 3 &amp; 8, Local Government Act 2002 and Housing Act 1996.</p> <p>In the last financial year we had 81 children of which 39 were under the age of five. In relation to social groups caseload comprises of the following groups, 33 overstayers that have pending applications with home office, 7 families fleeing domestic violence which has been evidenced during child protection assessments, 4 arrived on spousal visas, 3 are minors abandoned by extended family members and 2 failed asylum seekers appeal applications pending, they will remain asylum seekers while their appeals are continuing. It is important to note that formally "asylum seeker" is not an immigration status; it simply describes someone who has applied for an immigration status.</p> <p>As part of the reviewing process the department continuously liaises with UKBA in order to gather updates in relation to outstanding applications. Currently the department continues to support 41</p>

						families. Please see attached excel spreadsheet to obtain information on the amount paid in each case.
Organisation	8494	15/12/2010	17/01/2011	DIRECTOR & HEAD'S OF DIVISION	<p><b>Subject: Public spending cuts on third sector organisations</b></p> <p>This is a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) that seeks disclosure on the impact that these funding decisions will have on Third Sector in your area.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could disclose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A full list of Third Sector Organisations that received either grant or project funding during financial year April 2010 – March 2011</li> <li>2. The value of that funding, by organisation/project.</li> <li>3. By organisation, whether the grant or project funding will cease or be reduced during FY April 2010 – March 2011 (in-year cuts). If the funding is to be reduced/ceased, the extent of that reduction.</li> <li>4. By organisation, whether the grant or project funding will</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Questions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 will take more than 2.5 days of searching to obtain the requested information. 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>You may wish to limit your request by asking for a specific funding (you could limit your request by asking about specific funding over a certain amount for example, funding over £10k) this will enable the Council to provide the information within the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Questions 4 &amp; 5</p> <p>Answer: No decisions have yet been confirmed.</p> <p>Question 9</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>Information about the organisations concerned will be available in the public domain. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 21(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p>

					<p>cease or be reduced for FY April 2011 – March 2012. If the funding is to be reduced, the extent of that reduction.</p> <p>5. The date that any reduction or cessation is due to take effect/ was introduced.</p> <p>6. What these Third Sector Organisations do*</p> <p>7. Which section of the community they support*</p> <p>8. What the grant is for/what the project funding is/was for*</p> <p>9. A contact e-mail for the organisations involved (such as might be reasonably expected to be available in the public domain).</p>	
Public	8489	15/12/2010	17/01/2011	PARKS	<p><b>Subject: Improvements to Priory Park</b></p> <p>Recently at the above park there were major improvements to the 'swing` area.</p> <p>Please provide cost/breakdown of these improvements.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as there are ongoing matters regarding the contract to which this matter relates. The London Borough of Newham cannot disclose information which would prejudice the commercial interests of the companies concerned.</p> <p>Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have</p>

						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.
Public	8511	17/12/2010	17/01/2011	Transactional Services (BSG and facilities management)	<p><b>Subject: Staff re-location to Broadway House, Stratford</b></p> <p>Will the authority be re-locating rent and housing benefit staff to Broadway House in Stratford?</p> <p>If so, what will the cost of the move of these members of staff from Newham Dockside?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The information that you are seeking is contained within the Cabinet Report dated 9th December 2010, which is a public accessible document and is published on the Newham Council's website. A link to the document is provided below:</p> <p><a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=294&amp;MIId=7401&amp;Ver=4">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=294&amp;MIId=7401&amp;Ver=4</a></p>
Business	8512	17/12/2010	17/01/2011	ICT	<p><b>Subject: Telecommunications</b></p> <p>1. What was the Telecommunications/Wide Area Network (WAN) spend for the 09/10 financial year?</p> <p>2. When is the current telecoms/network contracts due to end?</p> <p>3. Who are the current contract providers?</p> <p>4. Which individual within the council is the main point of contact or has responsibility for Networks/Public Sector Networks (PSN)?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Approximately £422k</p> <p>2. June 2011 for Daisy, November 2011 for Calyx, others are on 3 months notice.</p> <p>3. Newham has its own dark fibre network with the majority of sites connected. Newham's Dark fibre network is owned and maintained in-house. The remaining WAN links are provided by Daisy, BT, Virginmedia and Caylx.</p> <p>4. Duncan Mackie, Service Delivery Manager (Special Projects) <a href="mailto:duncan.mackie@newham.gov.uk">duncan.mackie@newham.gov.uk</a></p>

Public	8350	01/12/2010	18/01/2011	Business Rates	<p><b>Subject: Vacant commercial premises</b></p> <p>Would you please provide me with the following information for commercial premises which are currently vacant and where the rateable value of the property exceeds £25,500;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The full address including postcode</li> <li>• The name of the account holder where it is not an individual (if it is, please leave blank)</li> <li>• The rateable value of the property</li> <li>• The date on which the premises first became vacant</li> <li>• The type of property (if such information is easily included)</li> </ul> <p>I would be grateful if the information could be provided in Excel format if possible.</p>	<p><b>Stage 1 Response</b></p> <p>We have reviewed the initial response, taking into consideration the points outlined in your email dated 4 January 2011. However, we still feel the reasons put forward for invoking the stated exemptions are valid and can equally apply to commercial properties as much as domestic.</p> <p>Furthermore, disclosure of the property details would be exempted under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act which 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.</p> <p>In light of this, we have decided to maintain the response and uphold the exemptions in the terms set out previously.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information if an exemption applies.</p> <p>Your request has been refused under section 31(1) (a). This section provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Putting the addresses of empty properties within the London Borough of Newham into the public domain would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and expose neighbourhoods to anti-social behaviour and criminal activities. Further, such properties may be</p>
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						<p>exposed to a greater risk of arson or criminal damage, which if carried out may endanger other persons in neighbouring properties (see also section 38 FOIA, below). This would prejudice the objectives of preventing criminal behaviour. 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.</p> <p>Section 31 is a qualified exemption to which the public interest test must be applied.</p> <p>When balancing the public interest regard must be had to the range and types of persons who may, at some future point, come into contact with the information (bearing in mind that Information disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act is released, in effect, to the 'world-at-large'). It therefore would not be in the interest of the public if the requested information is disclosed.</p> <p>Section 38 states "Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would be likely to – (a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or (b) endanger the safety of any individual."</p> <p>The possibility of physical danger to those living in close proximity to the empty properties has been stated above and reliance is placed upon the same reasoning. There is also a danger of physical harm to persons who may enter the properties illegally as there would be no standard means of entry (e.g. by key).</p>
Public	8476	16/12/2010	18/01/2011	Information Governance [IS External	<b>Subject: Resources to determine if a resident owns their property</b>	<b>Summary:</b> We would contact colleagues in the Council Tax

				Requests]	<p>What resources LB Newham provides for a social worker and/or finance officer when they are trying to determine if a resident owns the property he/she occupies.</p> <p>I appreciate there is public access to the Land Registry but what else is available for someone in their line of work?</p>	<p>department and/or use relevant in-house information management systems to ascertain who is liable for paying Council Tax. However, there is no guarantee that this person owns the property. In appropriate circumstances, we would approach the District Land Registry.</p>
Public	8503	16/12/2010	18/01/2011	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p><b>Subject: Building Schools for the Future</b></p> <p>I would like to make a request for the following information regarding the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) and Academy programmes.</p> <p>1. Which schools and academies in your area are either undergoing redevelopment as a result of the BSF and Academy programmes or will do in the future, listing which are confirmed to be going ahead either currently or in the future and which are awaiting a review before they can be confirmed. If all BSF/Academy developments in your area have been cancelled due to the spending cuts, then this is all I need to be informed</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Questions 1 &amp; 2</p> <p>All of the Borough's Wave 1 schools in its BSF programme are going ahead, namely Rokeby (completed), Lister (on site due to finish in September 2011), Sarah Bonnell (completed), Brampton Manor (completed), Forest Gate (on site due to be completed in 2012), Eastlea (on site due to be completed in 2012), Langdon (scheme in development), Royal Docks (scheme in development).</p> <p>All of its Wave 5 schools are currently 'stopped' namely Little Ilford, Stratford, Plashet, our Pupil Referral Unit, JF Kennedy, Eleanor Smith, St Angela's and St Bonaventure's and a new school planned.</p> <p>The building work for Chobham Academy is currently going ahead and is being built by the Olympic Delivery Authority as part of the Olympic Park development (on site due to be completed in 2013/14).</p> <p>3. A Local Education Partnership (LEP) has been</p>

					<p>of and you can disregard the following requested details.</p> <p>2. The start and completion dates for the building works on each school and academy, with attention paid to make sure that these are up-to-date as I understand that the estimated start and completion dates may well have changed since the BSF and Academy spending cuts in July/August.</p> <p>3. The main building contractor and architect which you have awarded each school to. If this decision has not yet been made for certain schools, then the expected date when you plan to make your decision on this.</p>	<p>procured to deliver all of the above. The main construction partner is Laing O Rourke. Some schemes are being delivered by Jerram Falkus Construction. A range of architects have been engaged and will be engaged by the LEP.</p>
Public	8506	16/12/2010	18/01/2011	Transactional Services (BSG and facilities management)	<p><b>Subject: Building 1000 application to London City Airport</b></p> <p>1. As Newham Council Office Building 1000 falls within the 69 dB LAeq, 16h contour London City Airport has to offer to purchase that property at a fair market rate within 6 months of an owner/occupier making an application to the Airport to do so.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Building 1000 does not fall within the Actual 69dB Contour.</p> <p>2. The purchase scheme required by the 2009 Planning Agreement dated 9th July 2009 only applies to residential premises.</p>

					2. Please confirm if the Newham Council have applied to the airport to purchase Building 1000.	
Organisation	8507	16/12/2010	18/01/2011	Performance	<p><b>Subject: Diversity in Newham</b></p> <p>How has diversity in the Newham changed over 20 years and 100 years?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please see attached spreadsheet to obtain information on the 2001 Census Ethnic Groups (Count &amp; Percentage).</p> <p>The attached information can also be obtained from the Office of National Statistics, please see below link:  <a href="http://www.statistics.gov.uk">www.statistics.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Please also see the following links to assist you with your question:  <a href="http://www.newham.info/IAS/profiles/profile?profileId=46&amp;geoTypeId=6&amp;geoIds=00BB">http://www.newham.info/IAS/profiles/profile?profileId=46&amp;geoTypeId=6&amp;geoIds=00BB</a>  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/KeyStatisticsandCensusInformation.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/KeyStatisticsandCensusInformation.htm</a></p>
Organisation	8526	20/12/2010	20/01/2011	Council Tax	<p><b>Subject: Request for current outstanding Council Tax and Parking Fines owed to Newham Council</b></p> <p>1. As of the date of this request, what is the current value of the outstanding council tax arrears owed to your authority?</p> <p>2. As of the date of this request,</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. As at 30th November 2010 the outstanding council tax arrears owed to the Council is £16,943,815.26.</p> <p>2. As of 13/01/2011 the current value of outstanding parking fines owed to the Council is £10,191,742.29.</p>

					what is the current value of outstanding parking fines owed to your authority?	
Public	8528	20/12/2010	20/01/2011	Strategic Properties	<p><b>Subject: Request for details of empty commercial properties with a rates payable of £18,000+</b></p> <p>Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Address and rates payable (not rateable value) of all empty commercial properties with a current rate payable of £18,000 and above that are within Newham London Borough Council area.</li> <li>2. The names and addresses of the owners of the properties referred to in (1). Can you please ensure that the information collated is from the above date (20.12.10)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary:</b></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 Section 31(1) (a) exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information.</p> <p>The Council holds information regarding empty properties on either its Business Rates or Council Tax database. The only means by which such data can be accessed would be by processing the data held with reference to identifying which properties received a relevant empty property exemption from either Council Tax or Business Rates.</p> <p>It is our view that Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies to this request. This section provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would prejudice the “prevention or detection of crime”. Putting the addresses of empty properties (residential or otherwise) within the London Borough of Newham into the public domain would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and would prejudice the objectives of preventing criminal behaviour. We consider there is a significant risk that releasing details of empty properties might lead to burglary, arson or squatting. Within the Borough there have been occasions when fires have been set in empty properties. In relation to domestic and commercial empty properties, there is also known use of such empty</p>

					<p>properties to commit benefit fraud, identity fraud and money laundering. These incidents would support the concerns we have as to the prejudice to the prevention of crime in the London Borough of Newham if the information were disclosed. The Act does not allow the Council to enquire as to motives, nor do we have any control over distribution of the information once it is released into the public domain.</p> <p>Section 31 is a qualified exemption to which the public interest test must be applied. There do not appear to be any obvious public interest considerations that would weigh in favour of disclosure beyond that wherever possible it is in the public interest for them to have access to information. There is however in our view, clear public interest considerations that weigh in favour of not disclosing the information since to do so would prejudice the objective of prevention of crime. Having considered whether the public interest weighs in favour of disclosure or non-disclosure, in this instance we have decided that it is not in the public interest to release the information requested.</p> <p>2. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case Section 40 (2) exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information.</p> <p>Disclosure of the names and addresses of owners of commercial properties would 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 the owners of commercial properties would expect their name and address to be made available in the public</p>
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						<p>domain without their consent.</p> <p>Section 40 of the FOIA 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 1998. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest in disclosure.</p>
Business	8660	20/12/2010	20/01/2011	Pensions	<p><b>Subject: Commitment, Contribution, Distribution, Value and IRR</b></p> <p>Do you have more recent records, specifically Commitment, Contribution, Distribution, Value and IRR as of 31st March 2010? This list should include all such infrastructure partnerships. If so, is it possible for you to send them to us?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Locating and retrieving the requested information will be too resource intensive, the data will have to be extracted from different recording systems.</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>
Public	8515	20/12/2010	20/01/2011	Head of Safeguarding Intervention	<p><b>Subject: Budget for Children and Families</b></p> <p>In relation to the Budget for Children and Families for the financial year 1 April 2009 to 1 April 2010 how much has Newham Borough Council spent on:</p> <p>1. Supervised contact visits.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>2009/10 Expenditure Comments</p> <p>1. Supervised contact visits: 1,180,085</p> <p>2. Respite foster care - for children in need (not on child Protection plan) N/A</p> <p>The Department provides significant levels of planned respite care for Children in Need and their carers - However this is currently in Residential Settings and/or Home based care not in Foster placements.</p>

					<p>2. Respite foster care - for children in need (not on child protection plan)</p> <p>3. Local Authority employed Foster carers.</p> <p>4. Agency Foster carers.</p> <p>5. Barristers for Care Proceedings.</p> <p>6. Playgrounds for children.</p> <p>7. Assistance with Child carers becoming Ofsted Registered.</p> <p>8. Respite Foster Care - not exceeding 28 days for children on a protection plan.</p> <p>9. Residential Family Assessments.</p>	<p>3. Local Authority employed Foster carers: 1,664,924</p> <p>4. Agency Foster carers: 12,863,427</p> <p>5. Barristers for Care Proceedings: 359,065</p> <p>6. Playgrounds for children: 539,000 Time limited Department for Schools Children and Families (DSCF) Grant - 11 playgrounds.</p> <p>7. Assistance with Child carers becoming Ofsted Registered: 11,400 19 childminders registered - Provided briefing session and start up grant.</p> <p>8. Respite Foster Care - not exceeding 28 days for children on a protection plan: N/A The Department provides significant levels of planned respite care for Children in Need and their carers - However this is currently in Residential Settings and/or Home based care not in Foster placements.</p> <p>9. Residential Family Assessments :877,120 16,314,936</p>
Public	8517	20/12/2010	20/01/2011	Communications	<p><b>Subject: Council Branding/ Logo and Council Domains/ Website</b></p> <p><u>Branding/Logo</u></p> <p>a. When was your current logo/branding implemented?</p> <p>b. Please provide me with a copy of your logo, and the</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p><u>Branding/Logo</u></p> <p>a. Early 2010.</p> <p>b. The information requested is contained in the attached document.</p> <p><u>Domains/Website</u></p>

				<p>branding/logo guidelines or other equivalent document.</p> <p><u>Domains/Website</u></p> <p>c. Please provide me with a list of domain names owned by the Council?</p> <p>d. Please provide the total costs for hosting (or server costs) of your main council website for financial years 2008/09 and 2009/10?</p> <p>e. Please provide details of who manages the website, including departmental structure chart and job descriptions.</p> <p>f. Do any employees have access to social networking websites (twitter, facebook etc) as part of their role, i.e. running a twitter/facebook account for your organisation? If yes, please provide this person's job title and job description. If your organisation has a twitter account, please mention its address.</p>	<p>c. Domains Registered by the London Borough Of Newham are as follows:  languageshop.org.uk newham.gov.uk  newham.info www.newhamdvf.org.uk  eastlondonsolutions.org  edamissions.org.uk  newham.eu newhamdvf.org.uk  newhamhomes.com  newhamlondon.co.uk  newhamlondon.com  newhamsdvc.org.uk  newhamshanghaiexpo.com  newhamworkplace.co.uk  newhamworkplace.com  stratfordworkshops.co.uk  teachnewham.co.uk</p> <p>d. The website is hosted internally server costs were approx £18K for 6 servers.</p> <p>e. The Website is managed by the Marketing Communications Team.  The organisational structure for the London Borough of Newham is as follows:  Chief Executives Directorate &gt; Policy Partnerships and Communications &gt; Communications &gt; Marketing Communications</p> <p>The Marketing Communications Team job descriptions are as follows:  Senior New Media Officer  New Media Technical Support Officer  New Media Officer  New Media Assistant</p> <p>f. Access to Facebook is restricted to only staff who</p>
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						have a legitimate business requirement. There is a Facebook account for Newham Events which is managed by the Events Officer at Newham. There is also a Twitter account for the Young Mayor of Newham which is managed by the Senior Youth Representation Officer.
Business	8530	21/12/2010	21/01/2011	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p><b>Subject: Council spending on wildlife crossings/ passes</b></p> <p>Details of all spending on 'wildlife crossings' or 'wildlife passes' such as 'fish crossings', 'eel passes', 'otter passes', dormice crossings' in the past two financial years (08-09, and 09-10).</p> <p>The definition of such 'wildlife crossings' or 'wildlife passes', as I understand it, is: "structures that allow animals to cross or migrate past man-made barriers (e.g. roads, canals, weirs) that divides or fragments habitat (e.g. forest, grassland or river)".</p> <p>In your response please detail the following:</p> <p>Name, location and cost of the project. How long it took to complete the project. Details of the purpose of the project Estimate of how many animals have been helped.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The information requested is not held by the London Borough of Newham.</p>

Public	8531	21/12/2010	21/01/2011	Human Resources	<p><b>Subject: Staff structure and pay grades</b></p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information, please could you provide me with a structure chart and the pay grades/salary scales for all posts within the following services at the London Borough of Newham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Community Safety</li> <li>• Environmental Health</li> <li>• Regeneration Major Sites</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>We attach the structure charts for Housing, Community Safety and Regeneration Major Sites; please note that Environmental Health has no separate chart because they sit within Housing and Public Protection.</p> <p>We have withheld the pay grades and salary scales of the post holders under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it relates to personal data of the individuals. We consider that it is more in the public interest not to release such bulk information because to do so would be contrary to the officers expectations about the use of their information and could give the Council problems recruiting. We believe it would be unfair to disclose the information without the consent of the staff members affected by the disclosure.</p> <p>Section 40 (2) provides an exemption for information which is the personal data of any third party, where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act 1998.</p>
Organisation	8536	21/12/2010	21/01/2011	Council Tax	<p><b>Subject: Council Tax exempt households</b></p> <p>1. Can I request the number of households exempt from paying council tax on the grounds of being occupied by students for each of the following years: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The information held at the end of each year are as follows:</p> <p>Dec05 = 1753  Dec06 = 2047  Dec07 = 1558  Dec08 = 1793  Dec09 = 1972  Dec10 = 1991</p>

					2. Can I ask whether any projections have been made regarding the future number of student households for the following five years? If so, can these be supplied broken down by year.	2. We do not hold the requested information on any projections that have been made regarding the future number of student households for the following five years. However, there are some general observations in the East London Strategic Housing Market Assessment recently carried out, please see 'Understanding the Housing Requirements of Students ' section of the attached report.
Organisation	8542	22/12/2010	24/01/2011	Human Resources	<p><b>Subject: Request for staff contact details</b></p> <p>I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act, in regards to the contact information and details for the following positions at London of Borough of Newham.</p> <p>IT Manager Finance Director IT Project Manager Head of IT Procurement</p> <p>If there are two or more employees responsible for any of these roles then I would also like to request their contact details and description of their position.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Mr. John Turnbull : Divisional Director for Finance (john.turnbull@newham.gov.uk)</p> <p>The staff responsible for all IT related matters is Mr. Geoff Connell: Divisional Director for ICT. (geoff.connell@newham.gov.uk)</p>
Public Bodies	8547	22/12/2010	24/01/2011	Corporate Income and Debt Recovery	<p><b>Subject: Use of Electoral Roll and Debt against Council</b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. We have not completed the attached spreadsheet as</p>

				<p>I would like to know the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please complete the questions in the attached spreadsheet in the format provided.</li> <li>2. Which fields of information from the Full Electoral Roll are added into <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a). the LLPG system?</li> <li>b). the Citizen file (or its equivalent, if you have one)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Approximately how much debt is recovered by the council each year, in an average 12 month period?</li> <li>4. Approximately how much debt is written off each year, in an average 12 month period?</li> </ol>	<p>access to the electoral register and its use by Council departments is restricted. Regulation 107 of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 (No.341) entitles certain Councils the right to request a copy of the electoral register from the Electoral Registration Officer. The data supplied may only be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where necessary for the discharge of a statutory function of the local authority or any other local authority relating to security, law enforcement and crime prevention; or</li> <li>• For the purposes of as poll under section 116 of the Local Government Act 2003;or</li> <li>• For statistical purposes, in which case no information shall be disclosed which includes the name and address of any elector (whether that name and address appears in the edited register or only the full register).</li> <li>• In England and Wales council tax departments may request information under regulation 4 of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) regulations 1992.</li> </ul> <p>2. The property database of the full electoral register is matched against the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) database. Questions 3 and 4:</p> <p>We can provide information on our net debt is at the end of the year in terms of Housing Debt, Ratepayers and Housing Benefit. This is compared to what we had outstanding in net terms at the start of the year. We cannot say how much of that debt is recovered individually as in some cases as it is difficult to say whether it is old debt being paid off or current weekly debits.</p>
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						<p>Please see (page 67) below link to obtain the requested information:</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/BB08D802-93D4-4260-966B-E2A9D935DD6C/0/FinalStatementofAccounts200910signedbyPWC.doc">http://www.newham.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/BB08D802-93D4-4260-966B-E2A9D935DD6C/0/FinalStatementofAccounts200910signedbyPWC.doc</a></p>
Organisation	8563	24/12/2010	24/01/2011	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p><b>Subject: Pupil admissions policy at voluntary controlled schools with a religious character</b></p> <p>Can you please provide me with your authority's pupil admissions policy for voluntary controlled schools with a religious character under its jurisdiction, and where the pupil admissions policies between separate voluntary controlled schools with a religious character differs, can you please supply me with the different policies for these schools.</p> <p>If the voluntary controlled schools with a religious character in your authority's area follow the same admissions arrangements as schools without a religious character then could you simply let me know that this is the case, rather than send this admissions policy to me.</p> <p>If your authority does not</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The London Borough of Newham has 2 voluntary controlled schools, both primary schools with a religious character. Both schools operate the same admissions arrangements as the Authority's community schools.</p>

					actually have any voluntary controlled schools with a religious character in its area then please let me know that this is the case.	
Public	8564	24/12/2010	24/01/2011	Development Control	<p><b>Subject: Stratford Commission</b></p> <p>I would question whether this criteria could be justified when undertaking an equality impact assessment of the application process, and would like to request formally under the FOI that the council and Thames Gateway shows that the brief has been EIA-ed in compliance with the law. As you know, the vast majority of Newham-based artists are BME, disabled, women or fit into more than one of these groups, and are therefore covered by the Equality Act. Given the massive lack of previous local opportunities compared to those available to artists living in neighbouring boroughs, and the discrimination that these groups face within the art world (the Arts Council's own statistics prove this), it is therefore inevitable that they will have less experience than artists from elsewhere.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Within your email you raised the following queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) you requested, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a copy of the Equalities Impact Assessment of the artist brief within the former Stratford Market station building;</li> <li>ii) you highlighted the benefit of ensuring that regeneration initiatives provide opportunities for local people;</li> <li>iii) you queried whether the criteria for successful candidates to have 'demonstrable experience in public art projects of this scale' is justified in relation to the Council's duties under equalities legislation; and</li> <li>iv) you highlighted the importance of accessibility for people with visual impairment within the project.</li> </ul> <p>Response:</p> <p>The document you have requested "Equalities Impact Assessment of the artist brief within the former Stratford Market station building" cannot be provided as it does not exist, therefore we would like to confirm that this document is not held by the Council.</p> <p>No Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken specifically on the art brief itself. The art designed is one part of a project to refurbish the former Stratford Market station building at 359 High Street in Stratford.</p>

				<p>The brief is actually for two very straightforward designs, which could easily be fulfilled in association with the architects (and indeed will still involve considerable architectural involvement in order to ensure legal compliance). They are, indeed, both briefs that new graduates would be well able to fulfil, and I should further remind you that UEL's Master in Fine Arts programme produces many graduates from this borough and, indeed, many BME and women graduates.</p> <p>As with the Canning Town 'public art' brief, it is ironic that you request work that "celebrates the diverse communities that surround the area and draw upon the rich historical and cultural underpinnings", while excluding the vast majority of the only artists who can actually do this from applying. I therefore question the legality of the current process.</p> <p>I should further like to point out that there is actually no long-term benefit to the borough if residents are excluded from the very opportunities that are</p>	<p>The Council would not normally undertake an Equalities Impact Assessment on such a specific sub-element of a project. Indeed, the station building project itself forms part of a series of Public Realm Improvements to High Street, Stratford, which utilises Government grant funding through the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation and Design for London. A full Equalities Impact Assessment, (EQIA) was completed for the wider Public Realm Improvements scheme and was presented to the Mayor when the project was approved in November 2009. The full EQIA for the Public Realm Improvements scheme (please note that this document has been finalised) can be obtained from the Council's website, please see below link:  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=25119">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=25119</a>.</p> <p>The Council strives to ensure that regeneration initiatives provide opportunities for local people. In this project, it is anticipated that the art design will form part of the existing works contract through the contractor's design portion and it should be highlighted therefore that this is not a direct Council procurement however, in the spirit of maximising the potential for local people, of all backgrounds, to have access to this opportunity, it was decided to follow the Council's policy for all arts commissions by advertising this element on <a href="http://www.theseer.info">www.theseer.info</a>.</p> <p>It is very common and entirely appropriate to include a criterion about relevant experience within the selection criteria for any commission. In this instance, the requirement for demonstrable experience in public art projects of this scale is particularly crucial because not only is there a finite budget but there is a very limited</p>
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				<p>supposed to aid regeneration. The money goes straight out of the borough again, while the skill base continues to shrink rather than grow. Placing an unnecessary barrier on the application process is therefore counter-productive in terms of regeneration as well.</p> <p>I should further like to raise the issue that nowhere in the brief is there any mention of the need to make the work accessible to disabled people, and indeed to the large number of people over the age of 50 in the borough whose eyesight lacks visual acuity. The environment around Stratford currently poses a wide variety of access problems, not least in the Cultural Quarter where the surfaces chosen for the pavements are so problematic that they have regularly caused damage to wheelchairs and accidents to wheelchair users. Unlike the new shopping centre, where an access advisory group has involved local disabled people from the start, I am not aware of any parallel initiative in Stratford High Street. Encouraging artists with particular experience of access</p>	<p>and challenging timescale available for the artist to produce designs and specifications to comply with the contractor's existing programme, in what is a complex brief. There is no restriction on who may make a submission and all submissions will be assessed against the full set of criteria, of which experience makes up only 30%, with 70% made up of a combination of excellence, originality, response to context and value for money.</p> <p>Ensuring good accessibility is a fundamental rationale for this element of the refurbishment project. Under Building Regulations, in particular Approved Documents N and M, transparent glazing with which people are likely to come into contact require a manifestation in order to make it apparent, particularly to people with visual impairment. Typically this is achieved through a plain design such as an array of grey dots applied to the glazing however, in the context of this historical building, the rationale was to go beyond the standard approach and to commission an artistic design of aesthetic quality which enhances the setting whilst fundamentally fulfilling the requirements of Building Regulations, in particular in relation to accessibility.</p>
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					issues to apply should therefore have been a priority, rather than failing to mention accessibility anywhere within the brief. Unlike 'demonstrable experience in public art projects of this scale', making the work accessible is legally required under the terms of the funding, and it is this, rather than the former, that should have been made clear from the start.	
Public	8568	24/12/2010	24/01/2011	Parking Design	<p><b>Subject: Displaying of road signs</b></p> <p>Request for the disclosure of the approval by the Department of Transport for LBN not to have signs displayed in Chester Road.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please see attached Department of Transport approval for a list of roads which includes Chester Road. This special legal approval enables the Council to use less signs and road markings because of the large numbers of drop kerbs in use on these roads.</p>
Business	7378	27/07/2010	25/01/2011	Environmental Health	<p><b>Subject: John Knight Ltd</b></p> <p>1. The number of complaints received by the Council from local residents concerning odour nuisance from the site.</p> <p>2. Records of complaints from local residents concerning odour nuisance from the site at location received by the Council since 17th October 2007. Please redact any personal data in line with the Data Protection Act</p>	<p><b>Stage 1 Response</b></p> <p>We write further to your email communication dated 30 December 2010 ( received on 11 January 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 23 July 2010, for information relating to the Silvertown rendering and animal by-product processing plant, operated by John Knight (ABP) Limited.</p> <p>The request was broken down into nine questions. We</p>

				<p>1998.</p> <p>3. The Council's prosecution file in relation to the prosecution that took place on 15th June 2009 at Stratford Magistrates Court, concerning breaches of conditions 27 and 31 of the permit.</p> <p>4. Copies of any enforcement notices that have issued been issued by the Council since 22nd March 2010 and confirmation of their current status (e.g. prosecution under investigation, prosecution pending, prosecution withdrawn etc.)</p> <p>5. Any attendance notes, memos, reports (or similar) relating to monitoring/site inspections/visits to the site since 22nd July 2004. If any such documents are withheld on the basis of prosecution proceedings, please identify the periods concerned so that we may obtain these at a later date if appropriate.</p> <p>6. Any odour management plans or similar documents that may have been produced, whether at the planning stage or during the</p>	<p>responded on 2 December 2010 (questions 1, 4 and 8 were answered in full; we applied EIR exceptions 12 (3) to questions 3 and 9 and 12(5)(b) for questions 3,5 and 9; and, advised that we would charge for making available the information for questions 2, 6 and 7, in keeping with EIR regulation 8(1).</p> <p>In your letter of 30 December 2010 you argued that the charges that are being levied are unreasonable and could be construed as unlawful, and in any event, do not promote the provision of environmental information under the Regulations.</p> <p>Regulation 8(1) allows that "where a public authority makes environmental information available in accordance with regulation 5 (1) the authority may charge the applicant for making the information available". However, under regulation 8(2) no charge can be made for allowing an application (a) to access the public registers or lists of environmental information, and no charge can be made for allowing an application (b) to examine the information requested <i>in situ</i>. Regulation 8(3) states that any charge "shall not exceed an amount which the public authority is satisfied is a reasonable amount"</p> <p>It is our view that this request does not currently fall subject to regulation 8(2) for <i>in situ</i> inspection. Even if regulation 8(2) apply, we consider that, a strict interpretation of the regulation suggests that, we would still be entitled to charge a reasonable amount for supplying the information, so long as that did not include the cost of identifying, locating and retrieving it. The omission of 'redacting' from the stated list of things for which an authority cannot charge suggests the Tribunal (in <i>Markinson v ICO</i>) considers this is</p>
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				<p>life of the permit.</p> <p>7. Any emissions data relating to odour since 22 July 2004, whether prepared by the Council or not.</p> <p>8. Any liaison meetings that have taken place internally within the Council and/or with other local stakeholder (such as, but not limited to, local residents, the Council, the Environment Agency and John Knight).</p> <p>9. Correspondence passing between the Council and John Knight since 22nd July 2004.</p>	<p>something that, in principle, can be charged for.</p> <p>In terms of regulation 8(1), the DEFRA guidance “Charging for Environmental Information under the Environmental Information Regulations” (27 July 2010), states that “where a charge may be made for making environmental information available pursuant to Regulation 8(1) (i.e. where the public authority is sending electronic or hard copy documents to the applicant) it will be up to the public authority to determine what a reasonable amount should be. This may, depending on the circumstances, include the costs of locating, retrieving, and extracting the information; the cost of communicating that information to the applicant; and the staff time spent on carrying out the activities related to supplying the information.” Thus, unlike <i>Markinson v ICO</i>, where the Council misdirected itself on factors to take into account when charging, we consider that the stipulated charges correspond exactly to those envisaged by DEFRA.</p> <p>With regards to the reasonableness of the charges, the Tribunal in the case referred to above, determined that the correct test was “whether the Council honestly believed that the charge structure it had set out did not exceed a reasonable one and to consider secondly whether that was a belief that a reasonable authority, properly directing itself as to the relevant law and facts, could hold”. The few cases on photocopying charges, demonstrate that where the ICO is satisfied that the authority has satisfied itself that the charges it is making is reasonable. The authority, is in compliance with its obligations under Part 2 of the Regulations and has a relatively wide discretion.</p> <p>It is our view that the proposed charges satisfy the test</p>
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					<p>set out above and therefore maintain the staffing charges of £43 per hour and an estimate of 3 minutes per page to redact the information. However, in this instance, we have decided to follow the precedent in Markinson v ICO and revise the charge to 10 pence per A4 sheet as a guide price for photocopying.</p> <p>Thus:</p> <p><b>Question Two</b> Records of complaints from local residents concerning odour nuisance from the site at location received by the Council since 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Please redact any personal data in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Regulation 8(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act permits public authorities to charge for making information available. The Council has decided to charge for this information as printing and redacting records from 654 complaints is resource intensive and costly.</p> <p>2 pages per complaint X 654 = 1,308</p> <p>Estimate of 3 minutes to redact per page X 1,308 = 3,924 minutes</p> <p>3,924 minutes divided 60 = 65 hours this equates to a total charge at £43 an hour to approximately £2,795.</p> <p><b>Question Six</b></p>
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						<p>Any odour management plans or similar documents that may have been produced, whether at the planning stage or during the life of the permit.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Regulation 8(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act permits public authorities to charge for making information available. The Council has decided to charge for this information.</p> <p>We estimate that locating and retrieving the information requested will take approximately 3 hours at a cost of £43 an hour and 10 pence per double-sided page.</p> <p><b>Question Seven</b> Any emissions data relating to odour since 22 July 2004, whether prepared by the Council or not.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Regulation 8(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act permits public authorities to charge for making information available. The Council has decided to charge for this information.</p> <p>We estimate that locating and retrieving the information requested will take approximately 3 hours at a cost of £43 an hour and 10 pence per double-sided page.</p> <p>We trust that the above is an acceptable compromise. If, however, you are not satisfied with the decision, you may ask for a further review, in line with our Stage 2 complaint and review procedures.</p>
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					<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. As of 25 August 2010 we received 654 complaints concerning odour nuisance from the site.</p> <p>2. Regulation 8(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act permits public authorities to charge for making information available. The Council has decided to charge for this information as printing and redacting records from 654 complaints is resource intensive and costly.</p> <p>2 pages per complaint X 654 = 1,308</p> <p>Estimate of 3 minutes to redact per page X 1,308 = 3,924 minutes</p> <p>3,924 minutes divided 60 = 65 hours this equates to a total charge at £43 an hour to approximately £2,795.</p> <p>Please also note the cost of 20 pence per page, see enclosed 'Charges for the Provision of Environmental Information for your ease of reference.</p> <p>3. There is an ongoing legal case with John Knight Ltd which could be compromised by the disclosure of the requested information. Therefore under section 12(5)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act we are unable to release the documents requested. The information related to the prosecution of John Knight Ltd will contain third party personal data which is exempt from disclosure under exception 12(3) of the Act.</p> <p>4. One enforcement notice was served on 22nd March 2010 but has since been withdrawn. One Requisition</p>
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					<p>for Information notice was served on 11 October 2010. Please see enclosed documents as requested.</p> <p>5. There is an ongoing legal case with John Knight Ltd which could be compromised by the disclosure of the requested information. Therefore, under section 12(5)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act we are unable to release the documents requested.</p> <p>6. Regulation 8(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act permits public authorities to charge for making information available. The Council has decided to charge for this information. We estimate that locating and retrieving the information requested will take approximately 3 hours at a cost of £43 an hour and 20 pence per page.</p> <p>7. Regulation 8(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act permits public authorities to charge for making information available. The Council has decided to charge for this information. We estimate that locating and retrieving the information requested will take approximately 3 hours at a cost of £43 an hour and 20 pence per page.</p> <p>8. Please find enclosed requested information.</p> <p>9. There is an ongoing legal case with John Knight Ltd which could be compromised by the disclosure. Under section 12(5) (b) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act we are unable to release the documents requested.</p> <p>The information related to John Knight Ltd will contain third party personal data which is exempt from</p>
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						disclosure under exception 12(3) of the Act.
Public	8661	12/01/2011	25/01/2011	Housing Options Centre	<p><b>Subject: Policy used by HOC</b></p> <p>I request the policy used in the housing options centre (H.P.U) for accommodating peoples needs, i also request information on who qualifies for emergency status and who can authorize it in the H.P.U</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The staffs at the Housing Options Centre are obliged to comply with the provisions contained within the Housing Act 1996 Part VII to assess the needs of anyone requiring assistance with rehousing if they are homeless or threatened with homelessness. The Housing Act 1996 Part VII determines when and under what circumstances the Council has a duty to provide a person with accommodation if he or she is homeless. Under the Councils Allocations Scheme an applicant can be awarded emergency status for an offer of Social Housing on the following grounds:</p> <p>a) If the applicant has a serious medical condition which is being seriously exacerbated by the accommodation which he or she occupies. This assessment is carried out by Senior Officers in the Council's Lettings Agency in conjunction with the Council's medical adviser.</p> <p>b) If the applicant needs alternative accommodation on social or welfare grounds as determined by a joint assessment by Social Services and Senior Officers in the Council's Lettings Agency.</p> <p>c) If the applicant is a council tenant and is being subjected to serious harassment. This assessment is carried out by the Neighbourhood Services Manager.</p>
Public	7417	30/07/2010	26/01/2011	Anti-Social Behaviour	<p><b>Subject: Prevent Strategy</b></p> <p>1. I would like to view the</p>	<p><b>Stage 3 Appeal Response</b></p> <p>I attach the requested document. I advise that the</p>

				<p>strategy paper on the Prevent Strategy.</p> <p>2. I would like to view the past strategy papers, the current strategy and what is the future of this strategy.</p> <p>3. I would like to view the goals of this strategy and the organisations that have been chosen to carry out this work.</p> <p>4. I would like to find out the yard stick that has been measured to the success.</p>	<p>document will be published on the Newham Website very shortly and was provided by the service today.</p> <p><b>Stage 2 Appeal Response:</b></p> <p>Onto the issue of your Stage 2 review, since your Stage 1 review the situation has not changed and therefore the response is generally the same as previously sent to you. For ease of reference we once again set out your requests and additional response to your questions.</p> <p>Request and response:</p> <p>1. The document is still being reviewed, but should be published in the next few weeks. I have been assured that the document will be published on the Council's Internet site when available. We believe that it will be in the interest of the public to release the correct information. Therefore, the information requested is exempt under section 22(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Premature release of the information in advance of the due date for publication is not in the public interest because the information is subject to approval before publication.</p> <p>2. Council Officers in Community Safety are working with Partners to develop a Prevent Strategy. This is the Strategy that the Council and Partners will use to address the Government's Preventing Violent Extremism agenda.</p> <p>Meetings of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) are open to the public. Please see below links to the CDRP meetings in September and December 2009 at which the Prevent Strategy and its</p>
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					<p>Action Plan were discussed.</p> <p>September 2009 -  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI d=893&amp;MID=6803#AI26112">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI d=893&amp;MID=6803#AI26112</a></p> <p>December 2009 -  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI d=893&amp;MI d=6805&amp;Ver=4">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI d=893&amp;MI d=6805&amp;Ver=4</a></p> <p>The Prevent Strategy will be published as a Strategy in the next few weeks.</p> <p>You can also subscribe to receive notification of when future agendas for the CDRP are published as well as when reports meeting key words are published by following the link below.  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieLogon.aspx?RPID=580261&amp;Forms=1&amp;META=mgSubscribeLogon">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieLogon.aspx?RPID=580261&amp;Forms=1&amp;META=mgSubscribeLogon</a></p> <p>3. Newham has opted to carry out this work through its own in-house capacity, rather than by funding Third Sector organisations. The goals of the strategy will be incorporated in the Prevent Strategy document which as previously answered is not yet available.</p> <p>4. The ‘yard stick’, the measure for this work is National Indicator 35. This is a self-assessment measure required by and produced for central government.</p> <p>If you are not satisfied with the further information, you may ask for a further review, in line with our Stage 3 complaint and review procedures. However, you should note that until the Prevent Strategy has been published, the Council’s response is likely to reflect</p>
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						<p>what we have stated above.</p> <p><b>Stage 1 Internal Review:</b></p> <p>This review relates to your previous request, received on 30th July 2010, for information concerning the London Borough of Newham's Prevent Strategy.</p> <p>We have reviewed the information that we provided to you on 20th September 2010 and are satisfied with the response as formulated. In addition, please note, Newham has opted to carry out this work through its own in-house capacity, rather than by funding Third Sector organisations. Regarding the 'yard stick', the measure for this work is National Indicator 35 - this is a self-assessment measure required by and produced for central government.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>A version of the strategy document, which deals with the issues you raise, is published on Newham Council's website (Democratic Services section) within the papers for the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership in December 2009, please see below link:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/partnership/crimeanddisorderreductionpartnership.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/partnership/crimeanddisorderreductionpartnership.htm</a></p> <p>The document is currently undergoing minor review and amendment and will not be available in its revised form until it has been approved by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. After approval the document will be available for public examination on Newham Council's website. We are hoping to complete this work late this year.</p>
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						We believe that it will be in the interest of the public to release the correct information. Therefore, the information requested is exempt under section 22(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Premature release of the information in advance of the due date for publication is not in the public interest because the information is subject to approval before publication.
Public	8569	27/12/2010	27/01/2011	Highway Maintenance	<p><b>Subject: Gritting Lorries/Routes/Rotas</b></p> <p>1. Please supply copies of the council's primary and secondary network of gritting routes - or alternatively provide the weblink where they may be downloaded. This to include all roads designated for gritting, including the Winter Resilience routes specified by or to TfL.</p> <p>2. What arrangements or future plans exist for sharing or diverting gritter lorries between the council and TfL - for example if lorries on one network are snarled up in traffic and those from another could cover roads of the other?</p> <p>3. What monitoring of traffic congestion is undertaken by the gritting department, and how is account taken of this to endeavour to avoid gritting lorries being stuck in gridlocked</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The information requested is available on the Council's website, please see below links: Winter Maintenance: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/GrittingAndSnowClearance/WhatWeDo.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/GrittingAndSnowClearance/WhatWeDo.htm</a> Street Design Guide: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/">http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/</a></p> <p>2/3. We grit the A13 route on behalf of RMS (the managing agents). We have use of their gritters when they are not being used on the A13. However, if traffic is "snarling up" roads, then gritters also become caught in these jams as well as other vehicles. We usually grit during early evening, or in mid-afternoon, after the rush hour, and through the night when continuous gritting is called for.</p> <p>4. The Council has 3 gritter. We do not have grit bins.</p> <p>5. All gritters can take ploughs. However, in this urban environment, with parked cars, they would only be used if very heavy snow fell.</p> <p>6. The salt is kept at the Council's main depot in Barking. This is because it is the only land available with the space needed, and with the loading facilities</p>

				<p>roads, and instead diverted onto other roads, even if this means secondary or minor routes are treated before primary ones?</p> <p>4. How many gritter lorries does the council have, and how many other vehicles to deliver salt / grit to grit bins? How many grit bins does the council maintain?</p> <p>5. How many gritter lorries take a snow plough, and how many of the other vehicles?</p> <p>6. Where does the council maintain its stocks of salt / grit for winter treatment? Is it just one distribution point? Why not use several around the borough - to shorten the distance to where the salt / grit are needed?</p> <p>7. What type of control do the gritter lorries have available, for example?  Snow plough ON / OFF  Grit supply ON / OFF  Rate of grit spray, dependent on vehicle speed, LOW / HIGH, various fixed rates, variable between MIN and MAX  What determines the way these controls are used?</p> <p>8. What are the instructions to</p>	<p>and necessary security manning levels available.</p> <p>7. The controls for a gritter are specialised, and drivers undergo specialist training in their use. The rate of spread is specified in the Policy/Specification (please see below website) and is linked to vehicle speed.</p> <p>Winter Maintenance:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/GrittingAndSnowClearance/WhatWeDo.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/GrittingAndSnowClearance/WhatWeDo.htm</a>  Street Design Guide:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/">http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/</a></p> <p>8. The lorries adjust their spread width to suit road width. The ploughs will create the hazards you mention, and for this reason will not normally be used. The snow "walls" may be cleared at a later time.</p> <p>9. Snow ploughs without the use of salt would not normally be considered on the congested and urban roads in Newham except in very heavy snow, due to damage to parked cars.</p> <p>10. We do not hold readily available records of all callouts, gathering the information in the specified format will be resource intensive, the data will have to be extracted from different recording systems. 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><b>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds</b></p>
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					<p>gritter lorries regarding junctions and vehicles?  For example, make a number of ploughing manoeuvres to clear the junction.  Avoid creating a wall of snow from the plough across a side road.  Avoid creating a wall of snow from the plough blocking in parked or stranded vehicles.  Make extra passes along hills.  9. Under what circumstances would gritter lorries use snow plough only  - for example in heavy snow, to maintain snow clearance while conserving salt / grit stocks?</p> <p>10. Please provide an XLS spreadsheet with the following data for each gritter lorry and each other vehicle capable of delivering salt /grit to pavements and grit bins  - (gritter lorries first, then other vehicles, and showing if snow plough is attachable and if attached),  - and for the period from 15-11-10 to date,  - on each occasion when out on some type of duty to distribute salt or grit to the highway.</p>	<p><b>appropriate limit</b>  (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>Please note that the Council has increased its stock of salt following the 2008/9 winter from 1000t to 2000t, and during the 2009/10 winter we were able to last the winter with no further supplies, because the salt was "rationed" and spread rates reduced.</p>
Business	7496	06/08/2010	27/01/2011	Trade Waste	<b>Subject: Environmental data</b>	<b>Internal Review Stage Response:</b>

				<p>Service</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of GroundSure Environmental Consultancy to request details for the sets of environmental data listed below. We are looking for records that date back to 2005 and I would be grateful if you could assist in this matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All A2 installations and Part B permits within your area. We require the name and address of the license holder, the address for which the license is granted, the grid reference, and the process undertaken, as well as the current status of the permit.</li> <li>2. In addition please list any enforcement that has been subjected to the sites relating to breaches of the PPC permits.</li> <li>3. Sites within your area that have been designated as contaminated land under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. We require the address, grid reference, and site boundaries.</li> <li>4. Furthermore if there are Sites where a remediation notice has been issued. We require the</li> </ol>	<p>Having revised the response that we provided to you on 28 October 2010, we have decided to uphold your request. Therefore, the information requested are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please see attached enforcement notices for permit operators who breached the permit given by the Council.</li> <li>2. The cost for obtaining information on the sites within our area that have been designated as contaminated land under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is £43, please see attached document on 'Charges for the Provision of Environmental Information'.</li> </ol> <p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please see attached excel spreadsheet, the information is also published on the Council's website, see below link: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourEnvironment/IndustrialPollution/ReportanIndustrialNuisance.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourEnvironment/IndustrialPollution/ReportanIndustrialNuisance.htm</a></li> <li>2. Please explain what you mean about 'enforcements' and 'breaches of PPC permits'.</li> </ol> <p>We are requesting further information under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We require additional information to locate and retrieve the requested information.</p> <p>1 General right of access to information held by public authorities (1)Any person making a request for information to a</p>
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				<p>address, grid reference, and site boundaries.</p> <p>5. Any historic waste treatment, transfer or disposal sites authorised by the council prior to transfer of authority to the Environment Agency.</p> <p>6. We require the name and address of each respective site and if available grid reference and site plan.</p> <p>7. We also require any additional information on the site operator, operational dates and waste types received.</p>	<p>public authority is entitled— (3)Where a public authority— (a)reasonably requires further information in order to identify and locate the information requested, and (b)has informed the applicant of that requirement, the authority is not obliged to comply with subsection (1) unless it is supplied with that further information.</p> <p>3. We have this information on the Geographic Information System (GIS). Please note that there is a charge for producing a report from this data, please see below link: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourEnvironment/ContaminatedLandInformationAndReports.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourEnvironment/ContaminatedLandInformationAndReports.htm</a></p> <p>If you wish to view this information for free on the GIS system, please contact the Information Governance team at <a href="mailto:information.governance@newham.gov.uk">information.governance@newham.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>4. There is a remediation notice is for 129-136 Coopers Walk E15 1JD. Again, Grid reference/site boundaries are available on the GIS. If you wish to view this information, please contact the Information Governance team at <a href="mailto:information.governance@newham.gov.uk">information.governance@newham.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>5. None known.</p> <p>6. None known.</p> <p>7. None known.</p>	
Public	7923	11/10/2010	27/01/2011	Transactional Services (BSG and facilities management)	<p><b>Subject: Post</b></p> <p>1. How do you send your post? (Please specify use of franking</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Post is sent out using franking machine and Clean Mail Advance.</p>

				<p>machine, stamps or specify any other service you have used in 2009 and 2010).</p> <p>2. How much have you spent in 2009 and 2010 on the following (exact costs where possible, if unavailable please provide estimated costs):  1st class post  2nd class post  Other mailing</p> <p>3. If you are not using standard Royal Mail stamps or franking rates, who currently provides your postal services and what are your agreed rates with them covering 2009 and 2010?</p> <p>4. If you currently use a franking machine is it leased or purchased?</p> <p>5. Who is your franking machine provider?</p> <p>6. If your franking machine is leased, how much is your quarterly or annual rental?</p> <p>7. How much do you pay for the serving/maintenance of your franking machine (if this is not included in the rental)?</p>	<p>2. Data currently not available due to system error. We do not consider it appropriate to give estimates.</p> <p>3. We use Royal Mail.</p> <p>4. Franking machine is leased.</p> <p>5. Franking Machine provider is Neopost.</p> <p>6. Lease charges £1864.92 ex VAT per machine.</p> <p>7. Servicing and maintenance included in lease charge.</p> <p>8. Lease expires in 30/09/12.</p> <p>9. Machine installed 01/10/2006.</p> <p>10. Franking is centralised; cost for postage is recharged to departments accordingly.</p> <p>11. This figure is not held centrally and our systems are not configured in such a way to capture the requested information.</p> <p>12. Respective service directors.</p>
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					<p>8. If leased, when does the lease expire?</p> <p>9. When was your franking machine installed (approximate month/year)?</p> <p>10. What is your current process for departmental cost control – how do your organisations' departments manage their postal costs or is it a centralised process?</p> <p>11. Taking into account all the above answers, what is your annual postal budget for the years 2009 and 2010?</p> <p>12. Who is responsible for making the decisions as to the allocation of contracts and services for your organisation's postal needs?</p>	
Public	8212	10/11/2010	27/01/2011	Members Allowances, expenses and claims	<p><b>Subject: Councillor (personal data redacted) Register of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillor (personal data redacted) lists in his register of interests that he a tenant of (personal data redacted).</p> <p>Does he pay rent on this property? Or is it true that he</p>	<p><b>Internal Review Response:</b></p> <p>We have reviewed the matter and can see no grounds for changing our initial response. Therefore, we have decided to maintain the response and uphold the exemption in the terms set out previously.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Newham Council does not hold this information. We can confirm that even if the Council would hold the</p>

					<p>pays the council tax for the property?</p> <p>If he pays rent, has the owner of the property declared the income to Her Majesty's the Queen Revenue and Customs?</p>	<p>requested data, we would withhold the information under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it relates to personal data of an individual. We consider that it is more in the public interest not to release such information because to do so would be contrary to the expectations of any tenants of the Council about the use of their personal information. We believe it would be unfair to disclose the information without the consent of the individual affected by the disclosure.</p> <p>Section 40 (2) provides an exemption for information which is the personal data of any third party, where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act 1998</p> <p>We can confirm that the Council holds the information requested regarding Council Tax payments however, this information will be withheld under section 40 of the Freedom of Information 2000 mentioned above as it relates to the Councillor's private life.</p> <p>2. Newham Council does not hold this information. If you wish to obtain the information requested please contact Her Majesty's the Queen Revenue and Customs directly.</p>
Public	8570	27/12/2010	27/01/2011	Highway Maintenance	<p><b>Subject: Council grit bin provision on the highway</b></p> <p>1. Reference Number of each bin - or number each line if the bins are not currently referenced by number and explain why this is.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Council has not provided grit bins in the London Borough of Newham, since a major review in 2002. Therefore, the information requested is not held by the Council.</p>

					<p>2. Location of grit bin by street and by ward, and by postcode</p> <p>3. Date of installation of grit bin - if this is not precisely known, then provide the best estimate, or for example state "not known, prior to 1970"</p> <p>4. Reason for installation at that location - e.g. officer request, member request, public request (with date of request (Date of last 5 occasions on which the grit bin was filled - or closest available approximation if precise data is not held, e.g. once each during the 5 days beginning on 1-9-10.</p> <p>5. Amount of salt / grit delivered on each complete delivery by a vehicle - presumably this figure will vary according to weather and use made of each grit bin - and by which group of bins were filled- please state.</p> <p>6. Data for each bin is not expected, however I do wish to find out whether some grit bins are more used than others, so please assist as far as possible.</p> <p>7. Include but afterwards any</p>	
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					<p>14. What are the criteria for installation of grit bins?</p> <p>15. How much does it cost to</p> <p>(a) purchase</p> <p>(b) install</p> <p>(c) maintain</p> <p>(d) fill a grit bin - (i) material + (ii) distribute to site?</p>																
Public	8579	27/12/2010	27/01/2011	Corporate Contracts	<p><b>Subject: Contracts with Mulalley and Company Ltd</b></p> <p>Since 2004, how many contracts have Newham Council had with Mulalley and Company Ltd?</p> <p>Please list the contracts per year and each contracts value.</p> <p>Has Mulalley and Company Ltd provided any social housing in Pelly Road E13?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Mulalley and Company Ltd were appointed as the strategic constructor for the following 4 contracts:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of contracts per annum</th> <th>Price</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>£3,415,669.00</td> <td>2004</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>£3,229,705.00</td> <td>2005</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>£1,073,244.00</td> <td>2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>£8,991,398.00</td> <td>2007</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Mulalley and Company Ltd were not involved in the new build on Pelly Road, London E13.</p>	Number of contracts per annum	Price	Date	1	£3,415,669.00	2004	1	£3,229,705.00	2005	1	£1,073,244.00	2006	1	£8,991,398.00	2007
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Public	8580	28/12/2010	27/01/2011	Finance	<p><b>Subject: Staff receiving total remuneration of £100,000 or more</b></p> <p>Would you please supply me with the number of Council staff each receiving total remuneration of £100,000 or more for the financial year 2009 to 2010.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Some of the information requested is exempt from publication as if it existed it would be confidential and exempt from disclosure under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended) provide for disclosure of certain confidential information. This will apply to certain sums paid to employees from the current financial year (2010/11)</p>															

					For each member of staff included in your response please provide the total remuneration and a full breakdown of that remuneration.	<p>onwards. Where these Regulations are applicable in connection with your request this information will be published in the future as part of the accounts. Therefore the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 22 of the Act at this time, because (a) the Council intends to publish it in the future under its statutory obligation to do so and (b) individual release of extracted information from the accounts at this stage in advance of the due date for publication is not in the public interest because that information is subject to a statutory process before approval and publication.</p> <p>Please note that staffing salaries are included in the Statement of Accounts which is published in accordance with the provisions of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2003. This information is contained on the Council's website, please see below link:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/statementofaccounts.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/statementofaccounts.htm</a></p>
Public	8533	21/12/2010	28/01/2011	Planning Policy and UDP	<p><b>Subject: Noise Insulation Scheme</b></p> <p>Can I have a copy of the draft Noise Insulation Scheme from London City Airport as required for the 2008 Section 106 agreement?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>As requested, please see attached copy of the draft Noise Insulation Payment Scheme from London City Airport.</p>
Public	8534	21/12/2010	28/01/2011	Planning Policy and UDP	<p><b>Subject: Noise Insulation Scheme Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please see attached documents requested.</p>

					<p>Can I have a copy of the draft Noise Insulation Scheme Consultation from London City Airport as required for the 2008 Section 106 agreement and a list of the people consulted.</p>	<p>The names and private addresses of individuals that may be affected by the disclosure have been redacted under section 13(2) (a) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004. Disclosure of names and addresses of private individuals who were consulted would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the Council.</p> <p>The persons affected by the disclosure would not expect their names and personal addresses to be made available in the public domain without their consent. Therefore, we believe that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in not disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</p>
Organisation	8577	30/12/2010	28/01/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p><b>Subject: LBN Officers (CYPS) who have communicated with the UK Border Agency</b></p> <p>Would you please supply the following information:</p> <p>1. Details of the number of times Newham Council Officers have made contact or communicated with the UK Border Agency. My query relates specifically to staff working with children and/or young people, and those from social services.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Council does not collate this information, therefore it would take too long to locate and retrieve the data requested. This will mean looking at thousands of individual files to see if we had ever written as requested. This would take in excess of 2.5 days of searching. 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'.</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</p>

					<p>2. Details of the number of times such contact was initiated and involved the</p> <p>i) reporting of an individual</p> <p>ii) the validation of an individual's immigration status</p>	<p>estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>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 this aspect of your request.</p> <p>Therefore, please advise whether you wish to limit your request to a period that would enable us to search individuals' files within the time limit so that the information you feel is essential can be supplied within the Freedom of Information appropriate fees limit.</p>
Public	8581	31/12/2010	28/01/2011	HEALTHY LIVING & SPORT	<p><b>Subject: Free swims programme</b></p> <p>1. What was the cost to the authority of the free swims programme for the financial year 2009/10?</p> <p>2. What is the projected cost for the financial year 2010/11?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. None.</p> <p>2. £60,000</p>
Public	8578	31/12/2010	31/01/2011	Communications/ Press office/publicity	<p><b>Subject: Every Child A Musician project</b></p> <p>Since its introduction, how much has the Every Child a Musician project cost (including all staffing costs) in total and per accounting period?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The cost for the financial year 2010/11 to date is £197,043.</p>
Public	8575	02/01/2011	31/01/2011	PARKS	<p><b>Subject: Allotment sites</b></p> <p>As of January 2011, please</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Seven.</p>

					<p>could you tell me:</p> <p>1. How many allotment sites are there in Newham for which the Council has access to waiting list data?</p> <p>2. What is the total number of plots on these sites?</p> <p>3. What is the total number of people on waiting lists for these sites?</p> <p>4. Are any of these waiting lists closed to further applications?</p> <p>5. How many new council allotment sites were brought into use in 2010? Please give:</p> <p>a) number of new sites  b) names of new sites  c) total area of new land in hectares  d) total number of new plots</p>	<p>2. Four hundred and fifteen plots at January 2009. The number of plots on this sites has now increased to five hundred and seventeen plots as a result of half plots policy and clearance of overgrown plots.</p> <p>3. 1046 (some are on the list for all sites).</p> <p>4. No.</p> <p>5. a). None.  b). Not applicable.  c). Not applicable.  d). Not applicable.</p>
Public	8583	04/01/2011	31/01/2011	Chief Executive and CE's Office	<p><b>Subject: Correspondence</b></p> <p>I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:</p> <p>1. A copy of any letters and/or emails sent from the council's Leader and/or Chief Executive and/or Finance Director addressed to Communities Secretary Eric Pickles regarding</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The following correspondence was sent to Communities Secretary Eric Pickles from between June 1st 2010 to date:</p> <p>a). 2ndAugust 2010 – Joint letter from Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham and leaders of Brent, Blackpool, Peterborough City Council, Haringey, Leicester City Council, Bournemouth, Luton, Slough, Kirklees. Letter copied to Bob Neill MP.</p>

				<p>council budgets in the last six months (from June 1st 2010 to present date).</p> <p>2. A copy of any replies received from Communities Secretary Eric Pickles in response to letters and/or emails sent from the council's Leader and/or Chief Executive and/or Finance Director regarding council budgets in the last six months (from June 1st 2010 to present date).</p>	<p>b). 30th November 2010 – Letter from Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham.</p> <p>c). London Borough of Newham submission to Consultation on Local Government Finance Settlement.</p> <p>Two responses were received to the above letters.</p> <p>a). 22nd September 2010 – A response to the 2nd August letter was received from Bob Neill.</p> <p>b). 11th January 2011 – Response received from Eric Pickle is reply to 30th November letter.</p> <p>Please find attached a copy of the above documents.</p>
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