

Information Governance Report

Responses to Requests

Period: 01/12/2010 to 31/12/2010

| Type | Sub Enquiry ID | Date Received | Date Responded | Service | Enquiry Details | Response Details |
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| Public | 7761 | 16/09/10 | 01/12/2010 | Corporate Contracts | <p>Subject: Electric Vehicle Scheme</p> <p>I should like to request details of the electric vehicle scheme which has been set up in your borough. Specifically, I would be grateful to know the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When the scheme became operational and how many people have registered to use it since that time. 2. The amount of money which was spent on marketing the scheme, broken down by year, and the form(s) that this publicity took. 3. Whether council funds were used to fund the scheme, in addition to LIP or CENEX funding. If they were, please give figures for 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11. 4. Whether the scheme has been funded by any other source, i.e. grants from public or private companies. If so, please specify the source of funding, the amount received and when it was received. | <p>Stage 1 Appeal:</p> <p>In your 14th October e-mail you explained that your previous request did not refer to the Council's own fleet of vehicles, but any schemes which the Council is running for residents of the borough who have electric cars.</p> <p>Your request for a review has been considered and we can confirm that no such scheme has been set up in the borough.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council does not have any electrical vehicles.</p> |
| Public | 8109 | 25/10/10 | 01/12/2010 | Community Participation Unit | <p>Subject: Newham Volunteers Programme</p> <p>With regards to response to a previous enquiry, please can you clarify this for me?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes (plus an additional 7 since this initial request). |

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| | | | | | <p>RESPONSE:</p> <p>"We have 55 written records of references. We have done many more (approximately 45) however some are verbal and we don't record them and others are sent in a letter format which we don't keep a record of."</p> <p>1. Does this mean that you 'only' have 55 records of references provided by this department?</p> <p>2. Also how do you verify the quantity of verbal records and others sent by letter as you do not appear to keep a record of these?</p> <p>3. Would I be right in my assumption that 'only' 55 records can be accounted for and the remainder are speculative, therefore inaccurate and cannot be used to demonstrate that references have been provided, if at all?</p> | <p>2. We cannot verify the quantity of verbal records as we do not keep a record. Please note that it is not a requirement to keep the references so we are only able to substantiate the 62 written letters that we have kept a record of.</p> <p>3. We cannot comment on assumptions, therefore we do not consider that this request falls within the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> |
| Public | 8130 | 03/11/10 | 01/12/2010 | Communications | <p>Subject: Newham Magazine</p> <p>1. For the financial year 2009/10 What was the salary cost to the authority of the editorial and reporting staff of the Newham Magazine?</p> <p>2. For the same period, what was the annual print cost of producing the Magazine?</p> <p>3. What was the distribution cost for the same financial year?</p> <p>4. What was the total print run of the Magazine for the financial year 2009/10 and of those how many were distributed to Council service centres, libraries and other Council properties that allow public access?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The salary range for two employees is £33,501 to £36,306.</p> <p>2. £352,279</p> <p>3. £145,816</p> <p>4. In 2009/10 there were 25 editions at 107,500 copies per edition. For each edition, 97,500 are delivered to households and 8,000 are bulk dropped to 150 addresses including Local Service Centre receptions and other key public access points as identified by the Council.</p> <p>5. We do not hold this information.</p> |

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| | | | | | 5. How many copies of the Magazine were pulped in the same period? | |
| Public | 8131 | 03/11/10 | 01/12/2010 | CYPS - Youth Support | <p>Subject: Youth knife and gun crime</p> <p>1. What is the Council's current strategy for dealing with youth knife and gun crime in the borough?</p> <p>2. When has the issue been discussed by elected members?</p> <p>3. How much did the authority spend on tackling youth knife and gun crime for the financial year 2009/10?</p> <p>4. What is the projected spend for the current financial year?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Newham Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership have a coordinated approach to dealing with youth knife and gun crime. The partnership operates a zero tolerance policy against any persons found to be in possession of a weapon. The individual will be taken through the criminal justice process and action is taken immediately. Those convicted of an offence where weapons were suspected or any robbery offences regardless of whether a weapon was used or threatened, will be required to be educated on the consequences and dangers of carrying weapons in addition to any other penalties served. Education is also offered to any young people where weapons are suspected even if the young person is not convicted and if charges are dropped (for example when there is not enough information to prosecute or no witness). The Youth Offending Team will also robustly challenge young offenders who display signs of violent behaviour.</p> <p>A number of police initiatives have been put into place such as the use of stop and search powers (Newham has the most Stop & Searches in London) and proactive patrols in addition to knife arch operations are deployed at strategically placed areas within the borough. Covert and overt operations are planned based on intelligence against key individuals. A working partnership has been formed with Accident and Emergency at Newham General Hospital in order to work with those individuals who may have been harmed by weapons enabled crime to both increase reporting and to work with victims to ensure that they do not become future offenders. This also provides valuable intelligence on the location of crimes and the exact circumstances.</p> <p>Strong links have been formed with education</p> |

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| | | | | | | <p>establishments to work holistically with young people who may have been victims of crime and also those who may be at risk of being involved with criminal activity to educate them on the consequences both in terms of health risks and personal legal consequences.</p> <p>2. The agendas and minutes for both Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership meetings and Cabinet and Mayoral Proceedings are available publicly on the internet. Where Members discussed knife and gun crime, or were required to make decisions, these are already publicly available.</p> <p>3. How much did the authority spend on tackling youth knife and gun crime for the financial year 2009/10?</p> <p>Answer: 2009-10 expenditure was £88,240. Some key projects were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Street Action Teams • The Hartley Centre - delivery of targeted youth outreach • Positive Activities for Young People • Emmanuel Youth Project - delivery of evening sessions of outreach and activities for young people in problematic areas identified by the Council and partners. This included advice sessions. <p>4. What is the projected spend for the current financial year?</p> <p>Answer: 2010-11 allocated spend £95,000. They key projects will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAX projects • CDRP-funded YOT Operations • Youth Street Action Teams • The Hartley Centre youth outreach. |
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| Public | 8167 | 03/11/10 | 01/12/2010 | Crime & Anti Social Behaviour | <p>Subject: Usage of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)</p> <p>1. How many times has the council authorised use of investigatory powers covered by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act since May 12th, 2010?</p> <p>2. Please provide details of each authorisation in the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date authorised • purpose • length of investigation • number of people under investigation • outcome • were investigators given extra authorisation to acquire/access confidential information? | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Council has authorised RIPA application once since 12th May 2010.</p> <p>2. Date authorised: 14th October 2010 Purpose: Purpose of preventing or detecting crime – flytipping. Length of investigation: Expected to last 3 months. Number of people under investigation: 1 known subject and others unknown.</p> <p>Outcome: Ongoing investigation.</p> <p>Were investigators given extra authorisation to acquire/access confidential information? - The answer is no.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Public | 7912 | 29/09/10 | 02/12/2010 | Finance | <p>Subject: Staff salaries</p> <p>1. During the financial period 2009/10 how many members of staff were employed by the London Borough of Newham on each National Joint Council for Local Government Services' Local Government Salary Scale (that is Scales 1 to 6, SO1 and SO2 and PO1 to PO9), and how much in total was spent on each Salary Scale for the same period?</p> <p>2. During the financial period 2009/10 how many members of staff were employed by the London Borough of Newham on a pay scale above PO9 (including the Chief Executive), and how much was spent in total on these officers?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below requested information:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1556 880 2103 1326"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">LBN Employee's 2009/2010</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Scale</th> <th>Number of LBN employee's</th> <th>Total Basic salary spend for 2009/2010</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>01-SC1</td> <td>1615</td> <td>8894478.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01-SC1-2</td> <td>4</td> <td>59860.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01-SC2</td> <td>491</td> <td>4941633.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01-SC2-3</td> <td>2</td> <td>31191.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01-SC3</td> <td>1388</td> <td>18257428.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01-SC4</td> <td>462</td> <td>7380097.51</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | LBN Employee's 2009/2010 | | | Scale | Number of LBN employee's | Total Basic salary spend for 2009/2010 | 01-SC1 | 1615 | 8894478.3 | 01-SC1-2 | 4 | 59860.2 | 01-SC2 | 491 | 4941633.87 | 01-SC2-3 | 2 | 31191.35 | 01-SC3 | 1388 | 18257428.63 | 01-SC4 | 462 | 7380097.51 |
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| Public | 8017 | 18/10/10 | 02/12/2010 | Finance | Subject: Council Spending over £500 | Stage 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | <p>When will the London Borough of Newham provide financial transparency by publishing spending information over £500 online as recommended by The Communities and Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles?</p> | <p>This review relates to your previous request, received on 16th October 2010, for information about the Council's intention to publish expenditures exceeding £500, in line with Government Policy. We responded on 11th November 2010, advising that we would comply with the relevant regulations.</p> <p>In your 11th November email, you expressed that this response was unsatisfactory, as you wanted to know specific timescales. Whilst, we acknowledge your dissatisfaction, please note there is no requirement for Councils to set out time frames for complying with the said regulation and furthermore do not hold information in this regard. However, the answer provided previously does indicate that we will comply with Government requirements which will of course include instructions regarding timing.</p> <p>In light of this, we cannot see any grounds for revising the response we sent you on 11th November.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>London Borough of Newham will comply with the regulations regarding publication of payments set out by Government.</p> |
| Public | 8152 | 04/11/10 | 02/12/2010 | Building Control | <p>Subject: Demolished School in Forest Gate</p> <p>1. Can you please confirm if a school in Locks Road, Forest Gate, and London E7 was demolished? Please confirm the name of the school? The requester thinks the name of the school is Gurney School.</p> <p>2. Do we hold any photographs of this school? If we do can we send the requester a copy.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. You refer to a demolished school in 'Locks Road' Forest Gate; the correct name of the road is Knox Road. We can confirm that Gurney Special School was demolished in 1997.</p> <p>2. We do not hold any photographs of this particular school within our local history books. However, you may wish to go to the 'Local Studies Library', at Stratford Library as they may hold the relevant photographs in their archives The archivist's to contact there are as</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>follows:</p> <p>Archivist: 0203 373 6881</p> <p>Alternatively, Heritage Services may be able to assist further and the contacts there are:</p> <p>Heritage Services: 0203 3737 4118 or 020 8472 4785.</p> |
| Public | 8178 | 04/11/10 | 02/12/2010 | Finance | <p>Subject: Staff rail fares</p> <p>1. Did your organisation permit any spending on first class rail fares for staff as of November 3, 2010?</p> <p>2. If so, how many staff were permitted to travel first class? What restrictions, if any, were there on the circumstances in which those staff could travel first class? Please also provide all information contained within any policies or guidance your organisation had as of November 3, 2010 on this topic.</p> <p>3. If not, when was the most recent date any of your staff were allowed to travel first class on trains? As of that date, how many staff were permitted to travel first class? What restrictions, if any, were there on the circumstances in which those staff could travel first class? Please also provide all information contained within any policies or guidance your organisation had as of that date on this topic.</p> <p>4. How much has your organisation spent on first class rail fares in the current financial year (2010/11)? How much has your organisation spent on first class rail fares in each of the last three full financial years? (2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10)? This information is specifically required to relate to financial not calendar years. If your accounting</p> |

Summary:

The travel policy clearly states that every effort should be made to use the cheapest method of transport available. So although it does not specifically state that first class travel should not be taken it is quite clear that the cheapest mode should be taken.

Please see below link to the travel policy on our website:
<http://newhamintranet/NR/rdonlyres/3A1A206B-E68B-4CE3-A76DA180362190A6/0/ExchequerServicesTravelandSusbistence.doc>

We checked with all the Directorates in Newham Council as far as we are aware no members of staff have travelled first class as of 03 November 2010.

Locating and retrieving the information for all the Directorates for 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 will be too resource intensive. This information is not recorded by the Council and will involve trawling through our records.

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

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| | | | | | <p>system does not work on that basis, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss a mutually acceptable form in which the relevant information can be disclosed.</p> <p>If you do not hold such information I wish to have whatever you are able to provide me with, whether that be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a copy of the information <p>And/or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an opportunity to inspect the record <p>And/or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a summary of the information <p>If you need further details in order to identify the information requested or a fee is payable please let me know as soon as possible?</p> <p>If any part of the information requested is covered by one or more of the absolute exemptions in the Act please treat this request as a request for that part of the information which is not covered by the absolute exemption.</p> <p>If you consider that a qualified exemption applies and that you will be unable to comply within 20 working days please provide me with an estimated date on which you expect to be able to respond.</p> <p>If you are of the view that there may be further information of the kind requested but it is held by another public authority please let me know as soon as possible. Please continue with this application as quickly as possible.</p> | <p>exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> |
| Public | 8161 | 05/11/10 | 02/12/2010 | PARKS | <p>Subject: Equipment for Parks Constabulary</p> <p>What has the Council done with the ASPs, Eco Riders and other equipment purchased for the now disbanded Parks Constabulary?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>All equipment which could be used by the Metropolitan Police was handed over to the Metropolitan Police Service for reuse or secure disposal.</p> |

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| | | | | | | <p>Some equipment such as deliberators and body armour have been retained for use across the Council.</p> <p>In addition, the two ECO Riders were disposed of via London Borough of Newham Fleet Services at auction.</p> |
| Public | 8269 | 12/11/10 | 02/12/2010 | Finance | <p>Subject: Council Spending over £500</p> <p>When will the London Borough of Newham provide financial transparency by publishing spending information over £500 online as recommended by The Communities and Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles?</p> <p>Please provide the date of publication.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>There is no requirement for Councils to set out timeframes for complying with the said regulation and furthermore do not hold information in this regard. However, London Borough of Newham will comply with the government requirements which will of course include instructions regarding timing.</p> |
| Public | 7946 | 06/10/10 | 03/12/2010 | PARKS | <p>Subject: Public Places</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could forward me a schedule of all payments made over the last 5 years to suppliers for the provision of Multi Use Games Areas within Public Places (Parks, Public Sector Housing etc) and Schools ideally broken down by :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)Physical Game Zone 2) General Fencing and 3)Play surface <p>In addition it would be helpful if the total number of the above could be broken down for your Borough.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The Location of MUGAs' are as follows: Langdon School, Lister School, Rokeby School and Sarah Bonnell School.</p> <p>Links on the Newham website - providing information about MUGAs in Newham:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/EntertainmentandLeisure/ParksInNewham/ParksA-Z.htm</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/EntertainmentandLeisure/Sports.htm</p> <p>Payments made during the last 5 years to suppliers for the provision of Multi Use Games Areas within Public Places (Parks, Public Sector Housing etc). This information is provided below:</p> <p>Canning Town Recreation Ground, Prince Regent Lane, E16</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>Gooseley Playing Field, St. Alban's Avenue, E6- under construction</p> <p>Keir Hardie Recreation Ground, Appleby Road, E16</p> <p>Memorial Recreation Ground, Grange Road, E13 - hard surface MUGA and full size STP</p> <p>Royal Victoria Gardens, Pier Road, E16 - synthetic turf sports area</p> <p>Sandal Street Amenity Area, Sandal Street, E15</p> <p>Saville Road Sports Area, Saville Road, E16</p> <p>Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, E15 - roofed synthetic turf sports area</p> <p>Winsor Park Adizone, Warwall, E16</p> <p>We are only able to provide information in regards to Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) within Public Places at four secondary schools:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School 1 (school-led project). Total cost was approximately £390k. There is no further breakdown currently available. 2. School 2 (in adjacent Southern Road P/Field). Cost approximately £200k (including floodlights). There is no further breakdown currently available. 3. School 3 (part of new BSF School). Total cost £342k (including floodlighting). Includes approximately £49k fencing. 4. School 4 (part of BSF Refurbishment of school). Total cost £84k (no floodlighting). Includes approximately £18k fencing. |
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| | | | | | | <p>With regards to payments, it would take a considerable length of time to filter through any information stored to identify the cost for each.</p> <p>We work on an overall cost package basis as all of the various elements are broken down into there constituent parts and then lumped together for pricing (i.e. all of excavation work is one item and all of the concrete work is another). However, as a ball park figure we allow around £100k for an unlit facility and about £130k for a lit one though this varies with location and conditions on the site (i.e. we may need to remove existing footings or soft spots or we may have to run a power feed a long way or install a feeder pillar with a meter).</p> |
| Public | 8194 | 09/11/10 | 07/12/2010 | Public Health, Safety & Licensing | <p>Subject: Request for information regarding premises licences that are currently in force</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could please provide me with some of the information that is contained in the public registers that you maintain in accordance with section 8(1) of the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>I specifically request the following for each Premises Licence that is currently in force:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name and address of the premises; 2. Name, address, contact telephone number and, where applicable, e-mail address of the Premises Licence holder; and 3. List of licensable activities authorised by the Licence (including whether alcohol is supplied for consumption on or off the premises or both, where applicable) <p>and for each Club Premises Certificate that is currently in force:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name and address of the club premises; 2. Postal address of the club where it differs from | <p>Summary:</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> <p>Under the Licensing Act, the Council is under a statutory duty to have a register which is available for inspection at its offices. We can confirm that the register contains all the information requested.</p> <p>If you would like to view the register please contact the Licensing Team on 020 3373 1925. Register can be</p> |

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| | | | | | that provided in (1) above; and 3. List of qualifying club activities authorised by the Certificate (including whether alcohol is supplied for consumption on or off the premises or both, where applicable). | inspected between 9am and 5pm on Monday to Friday at the Licensing Team Office: London Borough of Newham 1st Floor Town Hall Annexe 330-354 Barking Road, E6 2RT |
| Public | 8195 | 09/11/10 | 07/12/2010 | Parking Fines | <p>Subject: Request for review of PCNs and DPE</p> <p>Can you please indicate the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number and value of PCNs issued since the inception of DPE (i.e. which did not conform to Section 66(3) requirements...having the aforementioned paragraph. 2. The number and value of PCNs which do bear the words " A Penalty charge notice is payable where a vehicle is left in contravention of either The London Borough of Newham on-street or off-street Traffic Management Order which is in force at the time" which are outstanding or unpaid? 3. Have the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council been informed that the PCNs for the DPE regime in London Borough of Newham are unlawfully worded? 4. Does the Council intend to conduct their own internal investigation as to the failings of various council officers to implement and operate DPE correctly? As 'ignorance of the law' is not a legitimate excuse. 5. Do you intend to inform Northampton County Court (Bulk Enforcement Centre) that PCNs issued since the inception of DPE (i.e. which did not conform to Section 66(3) requirements... as | <p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 66(3) relates to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (as amended). It should be noted that Newham has not issued Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) under this legislation since 30/03/2008. Prior to this date there is no way of identifying how many PCNs (if any) were issued for not complying with Section 66(3) as each case would have been dealt with on an as and when basis. 2. Of the records we have (which go back to 19 August 2002) no Newham PCNs have ever had this wording. We are unable to advise on the number and value of Road Traffic Act 1991 (as amended) PCNs which are still outstanding as many are with bailiff companies and once passed to them progress (i.e. whether they are open or closed) is not recorded on our system. 3. We are not required to respond to questions which involve providing points of view or opinions under the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are required under the Act by law to provide information that the Council holds. 4. We are not required to respond to questions which involve providing points of view or opinions under the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are required under the Act by law to provide information that the Council holds. 5. We are not required to respond to questions which |

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| | | | | | <p>'ignorance of the law' is not a legitimate excuse.</p> <p>6. Until you have amended the format of the unlawful PCN's can you confirm LBN will suspend DPE, as non-compliant PCNs have been declared a nullity by the High Court any attempt to continue to enforce using such unlawful documents is a very serious matter indeed and may lead to formal complaints of Misfeasance / Misconduct in Public Office being made to the Police and complaints of maladministration to the Local Government Ombudsman.</p> <p>7. Please provide a specimen of the amended format of the unlawfully worded PCN's and when/if this DPE suspension was implemented</p> | <p>involve providing points of view or opinions under the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are required under the Act by law to provide information that the Council holds.</p> <p>6. We are not required to respond to questions which involve providing points of view or opinions under the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are required under the Act by law to provide information that the Council holds.</p> <p>7. No amendments have been made.</p> |
| Organis ation | 8199 | 09/11/10 | 07/12/2010 | Council Tax | <p>Subject: Households with Council tax student exemption</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many households are exempt from council tax on the grounds of being occupied by students? 2. For a ward-by-ward breakdown of this information. | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. As of 31st October 2010 our records show that 2,198 properties are exempt from council tax on the grounds of being occupied by students.</p> <p>2. The Council Tax database is not configured in such a way to provide a breakdown of information based on each Ward. It would take more than 2.5 days to locate and retrieve the requested information.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to</p> |

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| Public | 8200 | 09/11/10 | 07/12/2010 | ALMO | <p>Subject: Housing Stock</p> <p>1. The method by which your Housing Stock is managed (i.e. Directly by the Council, Managed by an ALMO, or by a Registered Social Landlord/Tenant Management Organisation further to a stock transfer)</p> <p>2. If directly managed or by ALMO, please provide the name of the organisation/Contractor which provides responsive repairs to your properties, when they were appointed and for what length of time. (If managed by an ALMO your organisation should still provide this information to me directly as it retains ownership of the stock)</p> <p>3. If a stock transfer took place, please supply details of the organisation to which the stock was transferred.</p> <p>4. Please provide the total number of properties under management.</p> <p>5. Please provide the name of the Councillor and Director/Lead Officer responsible for Housing Management.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The stock is managed, by one ALMO which is Newham Homes, two PFI (Swan Housing and Pinnacle Housing) and two TMO (Carpenters and CTR Triangle).</p> <p>2. Newham Homes have their own responsive repairs team since 2005 however; this is about to be reviewed.</p> <p>3. No stock transfer.</p> <p>4. 22,000</p> <p>5. Councillor Andrew Baikie.</p> |
| Public | 8201 | 09/11/10 | 07/12/2010 | Human Resources | <p>Subject: International recruitment</p> <p>The question is around international recruitment. Now that we have a temporary immigration cap to the UK, organisations have to apply to the Home Office to get an allocation of how many people the organisation can recruit from outside the European</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Part A:</p> <p>1. The London Borough of Newham (LBN) have an allocation for the use of sponsorship certificates under Tier 2 of the UK Border Agency regulations. LBN only</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Economic Area (EEA) in a given time period. I have two questions on this subject:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does your organisation have such an allocation and if so how many people are you allowed to hire from outside of the EEA? What is the start and end date for the time period which this allocation covers? 2. How much of your allocation have you used? 3. Can you give me a breakdown of the types of staff that you have hired in the last 12 months from abroad, what countries they have originated from and their current job title? | <p>uses sponsorship licences for shortage workforce areas such as social workers. The allocations provided are yearly allocations and for periods April 2010 ending 31 March 2011.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Our current allocation is 17 sponsorship licenses of which we have used 4. Two of the certificates were issued to existing overseas social workers whose current work permits are due to expire. 3. We used two sponsorship certificates to employ two overseas social workers in the last 12 months. These two social workers originated from India and Nigeria. <p>Part B:</p> <p>Education Human Resources have their own separate sponsorship allocation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The allocation for education for the period of the interim limit (19 July 2010 to 31 March 2011) was 9. 2. We have used 5 and have 4 remaining, 3 of these will be extensions and 1 for a primary school looking to employ an overseas trained teacher. 3. From 09 November 2009 to 08 November 2010, 11 sponsorship certificates were issued, 5 of these were extensions (4 from South Africa, and 1 Jamaica) <p>The other 6 staff hired from abroad are from the following countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Australia 1 Iran 1 Canada 1 India 1 South Africa. <p>All were overseas trained teachers except for one which was Deputy ICT System/Network Manager.</p> |
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| Businesses | 8274 | 10/11/10 | 08/12/2010 | Business Rates | <p>Subject: Non-Domestic and Business Rates account</p> <p>This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and further to a decision of the Information Tribunal in England and the London Borough of Bexley v Information Commissioner 2007.</p> <p>In accordance with the above, I hereby request a list of Business Rate accounts that meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current overpayment/credit shown if credit balance hasn't been carried forward 2. Accounts where a 'write on' has been used since 1st April 2000 to cancel an overpayment which has not since been reversed <p>I would request that the list contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratepayer name * • Address of property concerned • Amount of overpayment/write on • If possible, the period/financial year relating to overpayment/credit/write on <p>*Information is only requested where the ratepayer is a company and not an individual as I appreciate this is limited by the Data Protection Acts.</p> <p>I would anticipate much of this information is available via regular management reports from your IT system and therefore is unlikely to exceed more than 18 hours of staff time as specified in the act to comply with this request. If you wish to raise a charge for the provision of this information, please confirm the amount and method of payment</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Locating and retrieving the information since 1st April 2000 will take more than 2.5 working 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.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse some of your requests for information.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Therefore, please advise whether you wish to narrow your request so that the information you feel is essential can be supplied within the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Fees Limit) Regulations 2004.</p> <p>The non domestic rates are paid by private individuals who would not expect their names to be disclosed in the public domain. 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 would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London</p> |
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| | | | | | required. | Borough of Newham. 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. |
| Public | 8210 | 10/11/10 | 08/12/2010 | Members Allowances, expenses and claims | <p>Subject: Council meeting July 12th 2010</p> <p>1. What were the administrative and staffing costs for the full Council meeting July 12th 2010?</p> <p>2. How much did the Council spend on food and drink for that meeting?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The administrative costs are as follows: Printing: £174.46 Room hire: £167.75 (inclusive of Porters)</p> <p>The staffing costs are as follows: Overtime: £44.58 (Democratic Services Clerk)</p> <p>2. The food and drink costs were £315.04</p> |
| Media | 8213 | 10/11/10 | 08/12/2010 | Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools) | <p>Subject: Schools</p> <p>I would like to request the following information about incidents of teachers or other authorised members of school staff using force in schools under Section 550A of the Education Act 1996.</p> <p>Can I have all information available from the start of the 2008/09 academic year up to and including the most recent data available? Where possible, please can I have the information separated into academic years? To be clear I would like the information from academic year 2008/09, academic year 2009/10 and any resolved issues from the current academic year.</p> <p>The questions I would like to ask are: 1. How many incidents have been reported of a pupil requiring physical restraint by a teacher or authorised member of staff?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Schools are not required to report this information to the Authority. If you wish to obtain the information requested please contact the schools directly. The contact details of schools in Newham are available on our website at: http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/school/schoolsdirectory/</p> <p>2. Not applicable, please see above response.</p> <p>3. 17 allegations of unreasonable force where referred to the Council and after investigation, 2 of these were substantiated.</p> <p>4. The authority does not maintain records of the disciplinary action against individual teachers, except dismissals.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>2. How many incidents were reported to have involved 'reasonable force'?</p> <p>3. How many incidents were reported to have involved unreasonable force?</p> <p>4. How many teachers/authorised school staff have been disciplined for using unreasonable force?</p> <p>5. How many teachers/authorised school staff have lost their jobs as a result of using unreasonable force?</p> <p>6. How many pupils have been expelled following an incident involving reasonable force?</p> <p>7. How many pupils have been expelled following an incident involving unreasonable force?</p> <p>For questions four and five please can you make it clear whether the member of staff was a teacher or another person authorised to work within the school.</p> | <p>5. 1 in 2008/9 1 in 2009/10 Both cases involved other authorised persons.</p> <p>6. In 2008/09 academic year, 5 pupils were permanently excluded for a physical assault on a member of staff, which resulted in reasonable force, none unreasonable force by members of staff.</p> <p>In 2009/10 academic year, 5 pupils were permanently excluded for a physical assault on a member of staff, which resulted in reasonable force, none unreasonable force by members of staff.</p> <p>7. No permanent exclusions</p> |
| Public | 8216 | 11/11/10 | 08/12/2010 | ARTS & ENTERTAINMENTS | <p>Subject: Art projects</p> <p>I would like as much information as you can give me on the evaluation of arts projects (including, but not limited to, public art, art workshops, music, plays, cinema, festivals and other such projects) that the local council has funded since 2007.</p> <p>What I am looking for is specific information about how much the council gave to each project, what the brief was, when the project took place and its name, and the council's evaluation of the project once it finished. If this information is covered by an annual report from a specific officer or department</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Locating and retrieving the information requested will take more than 2.5 working days. The term 'project' could be taken to mean all time-limited arts activity, and 'arts activity' would include everything commissioned or funded or directly delivered (including all Public Realm, Children and Young People's Services sources as well as Leisure).</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</p> |

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| | | | | | (or similar), I would like to request copies of those since 2007. Alternatively, I would like copies of spreadsheets or however else the council has kept its analysis and evaluation of projects it has funded. | days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information. |
| Business | 8233 | 11/11/10 | 08/12/2010 | Pensions | <p>Subject: Hedge Fund Investments</p> <p>On 11th June 2010 you kindly sent us Commitment, Contribution, Distribution and Value as of 31st December 2009 of your private equity/venture capital funds. We were extremely grateful to receive this data, as it is very helpful for our research.</p> <p>Do you have more recent records, specifically Commitment, Contribution, Distribution and Value as of 31st March 2010? This list should include all such partnerships, i.e. private equity, venture capital, distressed debt, mezzanine, fund of funds, real estate and hedge fund investments. If so, is it possible for you to send them to us?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is contained in the attached documents.</p> <p>HarbourVest disclaimer:</p> <p>The data provided does not accurately reflect the current or expected performance of the fund in question and should not be used to compare returns among multiple private equity funds, and has not been calculated, reviewed, verified or in any way sanctioned or approved by HarbourVest Partners.</p> <p>Please be aware that with the less mature funds, we typically don't report an IRR till year three or four and this has not been provided to Newham by HarbourVest.</p> |
| Public | 8385 | 01/12/10 | 09/12/2010 | Communications/Press office/publicity | <p>Subject: Money spend on the five chandeliers</p> <p>There are five chandeliers in the reception of Newham's Dockside building. They are in the reception as you enter.</p> <p>How much did these chandeliers cost each and also what was the total cost?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The total cost of the five chandeliers which are located in the Reception and Business Centre area was £9,268.95 = £1,853.79 each.</p> |
| Public | 8173 | 05/11/10 | 10/12/2010 | Members Allowances, expenses and claims | <p>Subject: Mayoral Advisors allowances</p> <p>Prior to October 2008, Former Councillor (personal data redacted) was Mayoral Advisor for Public Realm and Councillor (personal data redacted) was Mayoral Advisors for Anti-Social Behaviour. As of</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Allowances are attached to the portfolios allocated to Councillors based on what aims and objectives the Mayor attaches to the portfolio and the number of days the Mayor expects that Councillor to spend delivering that</p> |

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| | | | | <p>October 2008, Councillor (personal data redacted) became the advisor for Public Realm and Councillor (personal data redacted) became the advisor for Anti-Social Behaviour. Since July of this year, Councillor (personal data redacted) has been the Mayoral Advisor for Anti-Social Behaviour.</p> <p>Prior to October 2008 the Anti-Social Behaviour portfolio had a banding of 4C and an allowance of £30,000. From October 2008 that banding changed to 3B and had an allowance of £18,000. Prior to October the Public Realm portfolio had a banding of 3B and an allowance of £18,000. From October 2008 that banding changed to 4C and had an allowance of £30,000.</p> <p>During the last term of Council, Councillor (personal data redacted) was the Mayoral Advisor for Community and External Affairs. This portfolio had a banding of 4C and an allowance of £30,000. Now that Councillor (personal data redacted) is advisor for Anti-Social Behaviour that portfolio has reverted to a banding of 4C and an allowance of £30,000.</p> <p>Do mayoral generated allowances follow individuals no matter what portfolio they hold?</p> <p>Please provide me with details of the changes to the Anti-Social Behaviour portfolio (October 2008 and July 2010) that justifies the see-saw amendments to the portfolio's banding rate.</p> <p>Please provide me with any notes, minutes and e-mails drafted by the panel members who agreed the amended banding rates.</p> | <p>portfolio.</p> <p>The Mayor determines the portfolios, the number of days and the post holder. The officer independent panel looks at the Mayor's expectations and determines whether the allocation and banding is justified given the objectives set by the Mayor. The number of days that a Councillor can and is expected to allocate to the portfolio will obviously determine the amount that portfolio holder can achieve. Members' achievements and time spent on their portfolios are all monitored as part of the internal appraisal scheme for Executive members.</p> <p>For more details on how the allocation of Banding works please see the report that was submitted to Council on 27th May 2010. We include the link for ease of reference: http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=30538</p> <p>The level for each position can be viewed at the following link: http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/YourRepresentatives/TheMayorandCouncillorsallowances.htm</p> <p>With regard to minutes, e-mails etc. pre 2009 they are not available. However, we attach the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 30th June 2010 where the allocation of portfolios was agreed for this year.</p> | |
| Businesses | 8236 | 12/11/10 | 10/12/2010 | Pensions | <p>Subject: Infrastructure data - London Borough of Newham pension fund</p> | <p>Summary:</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>In the past you have helped us with a number of private equity, venture capital, distressed debt, mezzanine, fund of funds, real estate and hedge fund requests concerning the venture capital and private equity investments of London Borough of Newham Pension Fund, for which I am most grateful.</p> <p>However, we would like to request some additional information on your infrastructure funds. For example, Arcus European Infrastructure Fund I is one infrastructure fund which London Borough of Newham Pension Fund, may have data for as of 31st March 2010.</p> <p>1. For each partnership, may I please have a copy of any infrastructure data that would show some or all of the following information?</p> <p>a. London Borough of Newham Pension Fund's total commitment to the partnership, b. The total contributions made by London Borough of Newham Pension Fund to the partnership to date, c. The total distributions received by London Borough of Newham Pension Fund from the partnership to date, d. The estimated current value of London Borough of Newham Pension Fund's holding in the partnership, and e. Any available estimates of the IRR earned by London Borough of Newham Pension Fund to date on its investment in the partnership.</p> | <p>The information requested is contained in the attached documents.</p> <p>Please be aware that this information is solely for use by Preqin Ltd. and is not to be used for any commercial reason.</p> |
| Public | 8238 | 12/11/10 | 10/12/2010 | Communications/Press office/publicity | <p>Subject: Newham Magazine research</p> <p>A spokesman for Newham Council is quoted in the</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The information was taken from the Communications</p> |

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| | | | | <p>November 12th edition of the Independent newspaper as stating "Recent research shows that more than 80 per cent agreed The Newham Magazine told them what they needed to know about local issues."</p> <p>1. What recent research was he referring to?</p> <p>2. Who conducted the research?</p> <p>3. What was the cost to the Authority of the research?</p> <p>4. What was the sample size used for the research?</p> <p>5. Who selected the sample used?</p> <p>6. What format did the research take (questionnaire; door-to-door survey; telephone survey etc?)</p> <p>7. Please supply me with the questions put to residents during the research and the full set of data collected.</p> | <p>Tracker Research which is conducted on a quarterly basis</p> <p>2. Research was conducted by RSM.</p> <p>3. Total annual cost of Communications Tracker Research is £46,253 (questionnaire design, fieldwork and reporting)</p> <p>4. Sample size per quarter is 600 residents.</p> <p>5. A free find sample of Newham residents (lists purchased by the contractor RSM).</p> <p>6. It was a telephone survey with residents.</p> <p>7. Please find the questionnaire attached. However, we consider that disclosing the full set of data collected would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs.</p> <p>In light of this, the Council's Proper Officer has deemed that it would not be appropriate to release the information under the provisions of Section 36 of the Act as it is more in the public interest to withhold it. The disclosure would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs, given that this could inhibit free and frank exchange of views and opinion and in the future may prejudice the Council carrying out its questionnaires freely if there was a risk of the questionnaires being released when the information was still current.</p> <p>In coming to this decision the Proper Officer has had regard to the matters outlined on the attached analysis.</p> <p>In addition, as can be seen from the questionnaire, those responding to the questionnaire were expressly notified that the information obtained would treat in confidence and accordingly those who participated would not have expected their views to be made public. Thus the information is considered confidential in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 of the Freedom of</p> |
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| Public | 8239 | 12/11/10 | 10/12/2010 | DP Requests | <p>Subject: Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS)</p> <p>I am currently undertaking research for my dissertation looking at the new responsibilities in relation to Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) that 'Schedule 3' of the 'Flood and Water Management Act 2010' places on Local Authorities. Please could I request the following information which relates to the specific provisions that Unitary and County Authorities must make to enable them to meet their responsibilities under this Act.</p> <p>1. What steps has this Local Authority already taken/ currently taking in preparation for its new responsibilities?</p> <p>For example, the establishment of SUDS Approving Body (SAB), consultation exercises development of application forms (Free standing, Combined) and administrative processes (appeals, interaction with statutory consultees), etc.</p> <p>2. What significant issues or challenges has this Local Authority encountered that are currently holding back its preparation for these new responsibilities?</p> <p>- E.g. Difficulties of coordination across two tiers (if this applies), delayed release of 'National Standards for SUDS', lack of resources/capabilities, etc.</p> <p>3. In ensuring that it meets its responsibilities in the long term what issues has this Local Authority identified that may present a significant barrier to ongoing compliance?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Council will address the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 through its spatial planning, development management and emergency planning functions, as well through other service areas, as appropriate. The Council will work collaboratively with the Drain London Forum and the Environment Agency on surface water management, flood management and SUDS issues. This will build on the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment that was completed in summer 2010. The Council is presently preparing its Core Strategy.</p> <p>Development Plan Document which will be followed by other Local Development Documents. These documents, which form the Local Development Framework, will implement spatial aspects of the legislation regarding flood risk, surface water and SUDS.</p> <p>2. The Council is not facing any particularly significant issues or challenges in this regard. However, implementation of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 at the local level may require new resourcing.</p> <p>3. In the long term, significant barriers to ongoing compliance include resourcing and support from external agencies (such as the Environment Agency).</p> <p>4. The Council does not, at the present time, possess any adopted strategies relating to sustainable drainage systems, and there is no related policy in the Unitary Development Plan.</p> <p>The document is currently in draft form and it will be made available for the public in the New Year.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>- E.g. Logistics of long term SUDS maintenance, lack of long term funding mechanism, capacity of applicants to meet requirements for approval, etc.</p> <p>3. Also, I would appreciate copies in confidence, of any relevant strategy papers etc. that this Local Authority has prepared, that would assist me with research for my dissertation.</p> <p>4.</p> | |
| Businesses | 8247 | 16/11/10 | 13/12/2010 | Business Rates | <p>Subject: Credit Balances on Non-Domestic Rates Accounts</p> <p>We are writing to request a schedule (in Microsoft Excel format if possible) of all National Non-Domestic Rate accounts in your billing authority area that still have a credit balance shown on them from any time from 1 April 1990 to date. The reason for the credit might be, but will not be limited to: closed account, alteration to the rating list, void relief awarded, section 44a relief awarded, certification, and transfer between accounts or interest.</p> <p>We do not expect you to supply details for sole traders or private individuals, partnerships or limited liability partnerships. We require details of limited companies, unlimited companies, public limited companies, government departments, and local authorities.</p> <p>Please supply the name of the ratepayer, the billing authority reference number, the address of the hereditament, the amount of the credit balance and the rate year(s) to which it applies. Please confirm the date the schedule was generated.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:</p> <p>“41. (1) Information is exempt information if –</p> <p>(a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and</p> <p>(b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p> <p>(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1) (a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.”</p> <p>Description of the exemption</p> <p>In order for this exemption to apply, the information must have been obtained from another person or public</p> |

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| | | | | | | <p>authority and disclosure of it would mean that London borough of Newham would be open to legal action for a breach of confidence.</p> <p>London Borough of Newham is relieved of the duty to 'confirm or deny' whether the information is held if doing so would result in a breach of confidence as outlined above.</p> |
| Public | 8371 | 01/12/10 | 13/12/2010 | Communications/Press office/publicity | <p>Subject: Events programme</p> <p>1. How much does Newham Council's event programme cost?</p> <p>2. Could I please see a breakdown of their events by cost?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Newham in East London has the youngest and most diverse population in the UK. More than 40 per cent of the 254,000 residents are under 25 years old and more than 100 languages are spoken locally - from Albanian to Zhuang. All of which makes for an exciting area rich in culture, flavour and atmosphere.</p> <p>Our ambition is that Newham is a place where people come together for a common purpose and our summer events provide ideal opportunities for this.</p> <p>We offer a series of free events throughout the year designed to engage and enthuse the broad range of people living in Newham, enable the community to develop a sense of pride and a sense of community with their neighbours.</p> <p>We want to bring people together at community facilities and through community events and activities because we believe that this helps to break down prejudice, provide a sense of community and prevent social exclusion.</p> <p>2. Please see below breakdown of events and cost:</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day Cost £111,000 Attendance 21,000 Cost per head £5</p> |

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| | | | | | | <p>Mayor's Newham Show Cost £429,000 Attendance 50,000 Cost per head £8.58</p> <p>Under The Stars Cost £362,400 Attendance 48,000 Cost per head £7.94</p> <p>Guy Fawkes Night Cost £105,000 Attendance 23,000 Cost per head £5</p> <p>Newham Waterfront Festival Cost £30,000 Attendance 18,000 Cost per head £2</p> |
| Organisation | 8248 | 16/11/10 | 14/12/2010 | Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools) | <p>Subject: National Healthy Schools Programme</p> <p>1. Under section 1.7 of the PSHE education criteria for the Healthy Schools award, schools are expected to involve:</p> <p>“professionals from appropriate external agencies to create specialist teams to support PSHE delivery and to improve skills and knowledge, such as a school nurse, sexual health outreach workers and drug education advisers”.</p> <p>a) Given that widely differing views are held with regard to what is appropriate teaching in PSHE, and particularly in SRE, what guidance does the local authority give to schools in identifying appropriate external agencies? And which external agencies does the local authority particularly recommend are involved in supporting the SRE/sexual health</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. a) Guidance has been issued locally to schools to identify SRE agencies that can support their SRE delivery. These agencies have to attend the Healthy Schools sub group so that Healthy Schools can continue to monitor the provision of SRE in schools and other settings. These agencies are also members of NewISH, a local sexual health and faith based organisation. Membership of these forums allow Healthy Schools to monitor SRE delivery and ensure pupils from different faiths have their needs met in SRE delivery. Currently, the agencies delivering SRE in Newham schools are Shine, a young people's sexual health organisation based in Newham NHS. Alternatives, a faith based organisation, School Nurses, and the SRE Advisory Teacher from Healthy Schools. All these agencies attend the Healthy Schools SRE sub group and NewISH. There has been a strong partnership</p> |

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| | | | | <p>component of PSHE?</p> <p>b) Would an agency that taught pupils under the age of consent how to use condoms and supplied free condoms be considered an appropriate external agency in terms of fulfilling this criterion? How many such schools in your local authority have achieved Healthy Schools status?</p> <p>c) Would an agency that emphasised the benefits of saving sex for marriage and talked about the limitations of condoms as a means of protection against STIs be considered an appropriate external agency in terms of fulfilling this criterion? How many such schools in your local authority have achieved Healthy Schools status?</p> <p>d) Would a primary school which had adopted a policy of not teaching SRE beyond the requirements of national curriculum science be eligible for Healthy Schools status? If so, how many such schools have received the Healthy Schools award in your local authority?</p> <p>2. Under section 1.8 of the PSHE education criteria for the Healthy Schools award, schools are expected to have: “Arrangements in place to refer children and young people to specialist services who can give professional advice on matters such as contraception, sexual health and drugs”.</p> <p>a) Where the governing body of a school, after consultation with parents, decides that it would not be in accordance with the ethos of the school to refer pupils to contraceptive and sexual health clinics, would it still be possible for the school to achieve Healthy School status?</p> <p>b) If so, what evidence would the school need to</p> | <p>between all these agencies to ensure that different schools have the package of support they require when SRE is being delivered.</p> <p>b) Condoms are not issued in any of our schools in Newham. The agencies that supply condoms are Alternatives and Shine and they only do so in clinic settings or settings outside of schools. When condoms are issued in clinics these agencies follow Fraser guidelines as they are required to do so by law.</p> <p>In Newham 85% of primary and secondary schools (72/85 settings) have achieved Healthy Schools Status.</p> <p>c) An agency delivering SRE in Newham will talk about the benefits and disadvantages of a range of choices that young people make in their lives, including abstinence. The advantages and disadvantages of condoms and other methods of contraception are considered whenever they are taught. Agencies delivering SRE need to ensure that all pupils are able to access the relevant information for them and are not stigmatised or bullied because of who they are, the families they come from or their faith.</p> <p>75 of 85 schools have achieved Healthy Schools status.</p> <p>d) Would a primary school which had adopted a policy of not teaching SRE beyond the requirements of national curriculum science be eligible for Healthy Schools status?</p> <p>If so, how many such schools have received the Healthy Schools award in your local authority?</p> <p>Answer: A primary school which had adopted a policy of not teaching SRE beyond the requirements of the national curriculum science would be eligible for Healthy Schools status. 60 primary schools have achieved healthy Schools status.</p> |
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| | | | | <p>supply to demonstrate that it was fulfilling the criteria set out in section 1.8?</p> <p>c) What arrangements are primary schools expected to have in place to refer pupils to specialist services offering professional advice on contraception and sexual health?</p> <p>d) How many primary schools in your local authority have achieved Healthy Schools status without having arrangements in place to refer children and young people to specialist services offering professional advice on contraception and sexual health?</p> <p>e) How many secondary schools in your local authority have achieved healthy schools status without having arrangements in place to refer children and young people to specialist services offering professional advice on contraception and sexual health?</p> <p>3) What financial or other incentives are offered to schools in your local authority area when they achieve healthy schools status?</p> | <p>2.</p> <p>a) It is still possible for a school to achieve Healthy Schools status where the governing body of a school, after consultation with parents, decides that it would not be in accordance with the ethos of the school to refer pupils to contraceptive and sexual health clinics.</p> <p>b) The evidence the schools would need to supply would be via the completion of an online audit tool with bullet points regarding the provision they provide or signposting to provision. The schools would evidence the referral procedures and the agencies/specialist services they would use.</p> <p>c) Primary Schools are not expected to refer children to sexual health services. A young person under the age of 13 cannot give consent to sex so there are safeguarding procedures in place to ensure incidents of sexual abuse are dealt with appropriately within schools.</p> <p>d) Please see response above.</p> <p>e) All secondary schools have a means of referring students to specialist services offering professional advice on contraception and sexual health.</p> <p>3. In Newham, 85% of primary and secondary schools (72/85 settings) have achieved Healthy Schools Status. No financial or other incentives are offered to schools in our local authority area when they achieve Healthy Schools status.</p> <p>Nationally, Healthy School Status will cease to exist from 31 March 2011. Further questions regarding Healthy School Status is available from the Department of Health and the Department for Education.</p> |
| Businesses | 8249 | 16/11/10 | 14/12/2010 | Human Resources | <p>Subject: Information request for statistics of Council's existing workforce</p> <p>Summary:</p> |

| | | | | | <p>I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.</p> <p>I would like the statistics of the council's existing workforce, those recruited and those made redundant in the last 12 months, by the different age groups that work in Newham council including school staff, both in % and in numbers. The age groups should be divided into (Under 25) (25-49) (50-64) (65+).</p> <p>I would be interested in any information held by the organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and that it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require. I would like to receive the information in electronic and hardcopy and will expect the results to be made available to the public.</p> <p>If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by the statute. A time of when the information can be made present will be required after that.</p> | <p>The information requested is contained in the below tables:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">All staff as at 01/12/10</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Age Group</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25 - 49</td> <td>66.31%</td> <td>8390</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50 - 64</td> <td>27.64%</td> <td>3497</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65+</td> <td>0.92%</td> <td>116</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 25</td> <td>5.14%</td> <td>650</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td>100.00%</td> <td>12653</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Redundancies (01/12/09 - 30/11/10)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Age Group</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25 - 49</td> <td>43.61%</td> <td>58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50 - 64</td> <td>54.89%</td> <td>73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65+</td> <td>1.50%</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td>100.00%</td> <td>133</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Starters (01/12/09 - 30/11/10)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Age Group</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25 - 49</td> <td>67.28%</td> <td>985</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50 - 64</td> <td>8.06%</td> <td>118</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65+</td> <td>0.14%</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 25</td> <td>24.52%</td> <td>359</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td>100.00%</td> <td>1464</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | All staff as at 01/12/10 | | | Age Group | Total | Total | 25 - 49 | 66.31% | 8390 | 50 - 64 | 27.64% | 3497 | 65+ | 0.92% | 116 | Under 25 | 5.14% | 650 | Grand Total | 100.00% | 12653 | Redundancies (01/12/09 - 30/11/10) | | | Age Group | Total | Total | 25 - 49 | 43.61% | 58 | 50 - 64 | 54.89% | 73 | 65+ | 1.50% | 2 | Grand Total | 100.00% | 133 | Starters (01/12/09 - 30/11/10) | | | Age Group | Total | Total | 25 - 49 | 67.28% | 985 | 50 - 64 | 8.06% | 118 | 65+ | 0.14% | 2 | Under 25 | 24.52% | 359 | Grand Total | 100.00% | 1464 |
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| Public | 8278 | 17/11/10 | 14/12/2010 | PARKS | <p>Subject: Public Space Projects</p> <p>1. How many public space projects did the Council fund, or part-fund, in 2008, 2009 and 2010? For each year please tell me the total cost of the</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. In 2008/09 - 13 projects were founded by the Council. The total cost was £6650000</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | <p>projects.</p> <p>2. How many public space projects does the Council plan to fund, or part-fund, in 2011, 2012, and 2013? For each year please tell me the total cost of the projects.</p> <p>3. How many public space projects funded under Section 106 agreements were granted planning permission by the Council, in 2008, 2009 and 2010? For each year please tell me the total cost of the projects.</p> <p>Please take "public space projects" to mean: parks, playgrounds, recreation grounds, squares, streets, gardens, wildlife reserves, and waterfronts. Please exclude routine engineering works, maintenance or minor projects costing less than £20,000.</p> <p>Please take "Council" to mean Council, Borough or Local Authority, as appropriate.</p> | <p>In 2009/10 - 16 projects were funded by the Council. The total cost was £4053000 In 2010/11 - 19 projects were funded by the Council. The total cost was £6379000</p> <p>2. In 2011/12 - 9 projects are planned to be funded by the Council with a total cost of £4695000 In 2012/13 unknown. In 2013/14 unknown.</p> <p>3. In 2008/09 - 3 projects were funded by the Council with a total cost of £438000 In 2009/10 - 4 projects were funded by the Council with a total cost of £440000 2010/11 -7 projects were funded by the Council with a total cost of £716000</p> <p>Please note that section 106 contributions are included within costs listed at question 1 and 2 above.</p> |
| Public | 8272 | 18/11/10 | 14/12/2010 | <p>Parking Fines</p> <p>Could you also supply details of the income generated through parking fines within Newham and your views on if you regard this income justified considering my comments regarding the level of the fines.</p> | <p>Subject: Parking fines</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>PCN income for 2009/10 is as follows: Off street - £ 236,962 On street - £ 7,772,821</p> <p>The total amount generated is £ 8,009,783</p> <p>We are not required to respond to questions which required us to comment on points of view or opinions under the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> |
| Public | 8273 | 18/11/10 | 14/12/2010 | <p>Members - Other</p> <p>I cannot find a link to the most up-to-date version</p> | <p>Subject: Council's Constitution weblink</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council's Constitution can be found at:</p> |

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| | | | | | of the Council's Constitution on the authority's web-site. Would you be kind enough to forward to me a PDF copy? | http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/HowNewhamIsGoverned/CouncilinFocusConstitutionandBudget.htm Amendments are currently being made to the Constitution to take on board recent decisions and will be posted on the web in due course. The revised document will be available on this same link. |
| Public | 8270 | 19/11/10 | 14/12/2010 | Property Valuation | Subject: Information regarding Council owned buildings Please supply me with the following information: -The name and/or address of each abandoned building (commercial or residential) owned by the council. And for each: -The number of years the building has been empty. -Where applicable, the amount of money per quarter OR year spent maintaining and/or leasing the building (please specify the nature of the costs). | Summary: We can confirm that there are not any buildings which are abandoned by the Council. All properties are managed and maintained. |
| Public | 7837 | 20/09/10 | 15/12/2010 | DP- Lettings | Subject: Local Space Decant Thank you for your response dated the 20th September 2010. However, in your letter you have stated that a house the address was accepted by Local Space Decant, whilst also claiming that the applicant waiting time was from the 15/12/99. Therefore, I assume that Local Space made the bidding application for the applicant, as then I have a few further questions. 1) Can Local Space Decant make such bids through the Choice Base Lettings Scheme 2) Did the applicant bid for the property through | Stage 2: I write to you with regard to your request of 24th November for a Stage 2 Review of the response given to you to your original FOI enquiry of 14th September. I can confirm that the original response given and the reasons for withholding some of the information were correctly applied. However, there does seem to be some confusion which I believe has been caused by what you have interpreted as conflicting information in the answer to a previous FOI request . In our response to E6984 we stated that the successful applicant was Local Space Decant. In retrospect this |

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| | | | | <p>Local Space Decant</p> <p>3) Who is the Landlord of the property?</p> <p>4) The date of the applicant's bid for the property.</p> <p>5) Can Local Space Decant accept a property on behalf of their client?</p> <p>6) Is and or was the applicant ever a tenant of Local Space Decant?</p> <p>7) The date that the address was allocated for the Carpenters Regeneration Decant scheme.</p> <p>8) The period of time that the address was within vacant possession.</p> <p>9) Does the Choice Base Lettings Scheme allow for "not in vacant possession" properties to be placed on the bidding list?</p> | <p>information should have been withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as it relates to personal data of individuals.</p> <p>However having released this information, I need to clarify that this was not meant to convey that the applicant was actually Local Space Decant. Unfortunately, I am not able to divulge any further information on the applicant.</p> <p>I can understand your confusion and your conclusions as a result of the earlier answer which led to your further enquiry into Local Space Decant's role in this allocation. However, I can assure you that the allocations policy was fully complied with in this particular case. Whilst you may feel that you have been given false information, I have concluded that because you were given incomplete information which should not have been divulged in the first place, this has led to this situation. I am also satisfied that the information given to you in response to E7343 was correct.</p> <p>Stage 1 Internal Review:</p> <p>We write further to your email communication dated 08 October 2010 regarding your request for a review of the Council's refusal to release information to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).</p> <p>This review relates to your previous request, received on 20 September 2010, for information concerning the address.</p> <p>We have reviewed the information that we provided to you on 18 October 2010 and are satisfied with the response as formulated.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes, for a limited period of time they have accelerated</p> |
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| | | | | | | <p>priority to secure alternative accommodation and this is done via our CBL scheme.</p> <p>2. Information withheld, please see comments below.</p> <p>3. London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>4. Information withheld, please see comments below.</p> <p>5. No.</p> <p>6. Information withheld, please see comments below.</p> <p>7. 25/01/10</p> <p>8. 15/03/10 - 03/05/10</p> <p>9. Yes if we have received advance notice.</p> <p>Please note that we have withheld the information requested for question two, four and six under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act as it relates to personal data of the individuals. We consider that it is more in the public interest not to release such information because to do so would be contrary to the individuals currently residing at the address. We believe it would be unfair to disclose the information requested without the consent of the individuals 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> |
| Public | 8301 | 12/11/10 | 15/12/2010 | CYPS - Safeguarding Intervention | <p>Subject: Looked After Children</p> <p>The time periods covered by this request are 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>A. Personnel on date</p> <p>1. One member of staff.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>A. Personnel on date</p> <p>1. Number of staff, in whole time equivalents (WTE), employed by the authority as Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO's). This includes staff on permanent and fixed term contracts.</p> <p>2. Number of people (WTE) engaged as IROs by the authority through a staffing agency.</p> <p>3. Number of people (persons) approved by the authority to perform IRO functions who are neither employed nor engaged by the authority through an agency</p> <p>B. Activity in year</p> <p>Number of statutory reviews carried out in year by:</p> <p>4. Staff employed by the authority as IROs on permanent and fixed term contracts.</p> <p>5. People engaged by the authority through a staffing agency as IROs.</p> <p>6. People approved by the authority to perform IRO functions that are neither employed nor engaged by the authority through an agency.</p> <p>C. Expenditure in year</p> <p>Expenditure, excluding payments for mileage and subsistence, on statutory review activity undertaken by:</p> <p>7. Staff permanently employed by the authority as IROs. This includes staff on permanent and fixed term contracts.</p> | <p>2. There were none.</p> <p>3. As of 31/03/2006 - 24 Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO's) As of 31/03/2007 - 23 IRO's As of 31/03/2008 - 23 IRO's As of 31/03/2009 - 20 IRO's As of 31/03/2010 - 20 IRO's</p> <p>B. Activity in year</p> <p>4. 2006/7 - 250 2007/8 - 223 2008/9 - 193 2009/10 - 221</p> <p>5. There were none.</p> <p>6. 2006/7 - 1406 2007/8 - 1314 2008/9 - 1335 2009/10 - 1367</p> <p>C. Expenditure in full years</p> <p>7. 2006/7- £53,016.60 2007/8 - £54,327 2008/9 - £55,820.70 2009/10 - £56,378.40</p> <p>8. 2006/7 - zero 2007/8 - zero 2008/9 - zero 2009/10 - £55,770.85</p> |
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| Political | 8333 | 17/11/10 | 15/12/2010 | Parking Fines | <p>Subject: Waiting time</p> <p>CLlr (personal data redacted) has requested the waiting times actually given before people were ticketed at the drop off point at Canning town station, for the last 100 tickets.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Locating and retrieving the information for 100 tickets will exceed the 2.5 days limit for responding to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Under the Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>However, under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, we have decided to provide you with 27 Penalty Charge Notices issued from 09 to 15 November 2010. The reduced figure was agreed by you and the Council.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number</th> <th>PCN</th> <th>Date & time Observed by CCTV in hh:mm:ss</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Length of time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>PN03084683</td> <td>09/11/2010 22:50</td> <td>Silvertown Way</td> <td>08:48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>PN03084694</td> <td>09/11/2010 22:46</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Number | PCN | Date & time Observed by CCTV in hh:mm:ss | Location | Length of time | 1 | PN03084683 | 09/11/2010 22:50 | Silvertown Way | 08:48 | 2 | PN03084694 | 09/11/2010 22:46 | | |
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| Public | 8332 | 25/11/10 | 15/12/2010 | Finance | <p>Subject: Money borrowed by the Council</p> <p>1. How much has Newham Council borrowed from sources other than government since 2002?</p> <p>2. How much does Newham Council currently owe against such borrowing?</p> <p>3. What are the interest repayments against this borrowing?</p> <p>4. How much is annual re-payment of such borrowing as a cost to the authority?</p> <p>5. Has the Council borrowed money via an external legal entity (e.g. a limited liability company owned or part owned by the authority; charity etc)?</p> <p>6. If so, please list the legal entities used and the amounts borrowed against each.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. £643m</p> <p>2. 566m</p> <p>3. £20.92m</p> <p>4. Zero as loans are repayable on maturity.</p> <p>5. No.</p> <p>6. Not applicable.</p> |
| Public | 8307 | 18/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | Traffic Regulations | <p>Subject: Traffic and Land Charges</p> <p>Please provide details of the proposed contingent liability in your Council's Statement of Accounts to cover refunds to those persons/organisations</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The details of contingent liabilities are found in our annual accounts, please see below link: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanage</p> |

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| | | | | <p>charged by you for the following:</p> <p>Traffic scheme information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building control information 2. Highway information 3. Charges made for planning documentation in excess of the Markinson rate <p>Commons Registration fees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. LLC1 fees where restrictions were imposed on our members as to the number of personal searches they could conduct and they were forced to undertake LLC1s 5. All other Ei's | <p>mentaccountancyandpensions/annualfinancialreports.htm</p> <p>Given the nature of specific types of information requests below, we would not hold any contingent liabilities for any of them as the income streams are not material to the overall accounts and in prior years there has been no suggestion that any refund would be due.</p> <p>Any provision for a future contingent liability would be considered as part of the preparation of the Council's Statement of Accounts after the year end (31st March 2011). An assessment will be made then based on information and advice available at that time. We believe that it will be in the interest of the public to release the correct information. Therefore, some of the information requested is exempt under section 22(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Premature release of the information in advance of the due date for publication of the Council's Statement of Accounts is not in the public interest because the information is subject to approval before publication.</p> |
| Public | 8193 | 08/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | <p>Parking Fines</p> <p>Subject: Request for number of PCNs issued on Salisbury Road and adjoining roads to Romford Road</p> <p>Could you please let me have the figures on the number of parking tickets been issued on Salisbury Road E12?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After 5.30 on Weekdays 2. Anytime in the weekend. <p>This should cover the period since April 2010 until October 2010.</p> <p>Also can you please provide a comparison with any other adjoining Road with Romford Road in E12 which has comparable number of parking tickets</p> | <p>Internal Review Response:</p> <p>We have reviewed the information that we provided to you on 02 December 2010 and note that we did not have the information in the specified format. However, we do hold the information on the number of penalty charge notices on Salisbury Road for the dates mentioned.</p> <p>From 01 April 2010 to 31 October 2010 - 555 penalty charge notices were issued to vehicles parked in contravention of parking restrictions.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>There is currently no report in ICPS (the Parking Software system) which shows tickets issued by street</p> |

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| | | | | | been issued during the same period? | and time. Therefore, we do not hold the information in the format specified. |
| Public | 8306 | 18/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | Land Charge searches | <p>Summary: Local Land Charges</p> <p>Please provide details of the proposed contingent liability in your Council's Statement of Accounts to cover refunds to those persons/organisations charged by you for the following:</p> <p>Personal search fees LLC1 fees</p> <p>I should be grateful if you would also provide a copy of the relevant Committee Report detailing how you accepted or rejected the principle of a contingency fund. A local Council has a Committee Report that has recommended such a fund, so I assume that it is becoming common practice.</p> <p>Central Government has stipulated that it is to local authorities not to Central Government that applications for refunds will be submitted and that an allowance will be made in the spending review. Please see below: Letter from Jonathan Djanogly MP to Lord Goodlad</p> <p>Thank you for your letter of 5 October. You ask why it took so long to identify the conflict between the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Local Land Charges Rules 1977. As you say, departmental officials have a role in monitoring proposed legislation to identify and resolve potential conflicts of policy. As you will appreciate, the Environmental Information Regulations are very wide in their application and, although many policy impacts were spotted at the time that the relevant Directive was negotiated and the implementing Regulations were drafted, this one unfortunately was not. As explained in the</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The details of contingent liabilities are found in our annual accounts, please see below link: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/annualfinancialreports.htm</p> <p>Given the nature of specific types of information requests below, we would not hold any contingent liabilities for any of them as the income streams are not material to the overall accounts and in prior years there has been no suggestion that any refund would be due.</p> <p>Any provision for a future contingent liability would be considered as part of the preparation of the Council's Statement of Accounts after the year end (31st March 2011). An assessment will be made then based on information and advice available at that time. We believe that it will be in the interest of the public to release the correct information. Therefore, some of the information requested is exempt under section 22(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Premature release of the information in advance of the due date for publication of the Council's Statement of Accounts is not in the public interest because the information is subject to approval before publication.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>Explanatory Memorandum, my Department were only alerted to the problem as a result of guidance and decisions of the Information Commissioner in 2009.</p> <p>Your second question relates to responsibility for potential claims for compensation for overpaid local land charges fees. As local authorities collected the fees, it is to them that any claims for repayment will be made. As this is an issue on which there is a potential conflict of interest between local and central government, we do not believe it would be appropriate for the government departments involved to provide legal advice to local authorities. We believe this is a matter on which local authorities (individually or jointly) may wish to obtain independent advice.</p> <p>However, it is worth pointing out that, in assessing the loss of local land charge fee income to local authorities in the current financial year under the government process for assessing new burdens on local authorities, the government has taken into account costs arising out of potential claims for repayment. For 2011-12 and in future years, these matters will be considered as part of the spending review.</p> | |
| Public | 8279 | 19/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | Animal Welfare | <p>Subject: Dog Control Orders Consultation</p> <p>Would you please forward all the questions (and the options to those questions) currently listed on the Council's Dog Control Orders Consultation Questionnaire on the authority's web site.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is contained in the attached document.</p> |
| Public | 8324 | 22/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | Policy and Research | <p>Subject: Inhabitants and unemployment in Newham</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where can I find information about: number of inhabitants in Newham and former East Ham and West Ham, also the | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Recent information dated from 2001 Census can be viewed at: http://www.newham.info/IAS/.</p> <p>This site has information broken down into areas such as</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>development of those numbers in the last years or since the beginning?</p> <p>2. And numbers, percentages of unemployed people in Newham?</p> | <p>East Ham, Plaistow etc. You can also find out information on housing etc.</p> <p>If you would like obtain information previous to 2001 you might wish to visit us at: Newham Heritage and Archive Stratford Library 3 The Grove London E15 1EL Telephone Number: 0203 373 6881. Our opening hours are as follows:</p> <p>Monday: 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm Tuesday: 10.30 am - 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm Thursday:10.30 am - 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm Friday:10.30 am - 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm Saturday:10.30 am - 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm</p> <p>2. Information on unemployment in Newham can be seen from the link below:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/censusinformation/newhaminthecensus-asynopsis.htm#2</p> |
| Business | 8311 | 22/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | Finance | <p>Subject: IT</p> <p>I am currently conducting some research into local and regional governments in the UK on how much each spends on IT. I was wondering if, under the Freedom of Information Act, I may request that you provide me with a figure (or estimation) of how much was spent on your IT last year.</p> <p>If at all possible, I would also be interested to know how and where the Council stores its data; whether this is stored in-house or off site.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The total IT department spend in 2009/10 was approximately £15 million.</p> <p>There are eight storage areas for Council Data</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northgate Document Management System (ICLipse). - in-house 2. Microsoft SharePoint - in-house 3. Crown manages our paper records - offsite 4. Proprietary systems (various suppliers)for the management of services - in-house 5. Council managed servers hold information - in-house 7. Intranet - in-house |

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| | | | | | | 8. Internet - in-house |
| Business | 8325 | 24/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | Home Improvement Agency | <p>Subject: Home adaptations</p> <p>We request details of the number of home adaptations carried out in the following:</p> <p>Housing Stock:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of home adaptations carried out in your housing stock in 2009? 2. The number of home adaptations carried out in your housing stock in 2010? 3. The number of applications for home adaptations which were placed on the waiting list in 2009? 4. The number of applications awaiting home adaptations in 2010 (the length of your current waiting list for home adaptations)? <p>Through DFGs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The number of home adaptations carried out through DFGs in 2009? 6. The number of home adaptations carried out through DFGs in 2010? 7. The number of applications for home adaptations through DFG which were placed on the waiting list in 2009? 8. The number of applications awaiting home adaptations through DFG in 2010 (the length of your current waiting list for home adaptations through DFG)? | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Housing Stock:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 2008/09 we carried out 473 major adaptations in our housing stock. 2. In 2009/10 we carried out 286 major adaptations in our housing stock. 3. None. We do not have a waiting list in this sense. 4. None. We do not have a waiting list in this sense. <p>Through DFGs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. In 2008/09 we carried out 151 major adaptations through DFGs. 6. In 2009/10 we carried out 170 major adaptations through DFGs. 7. None. We do not have a waiting list in this sense 8. None as yet, although we are about to start one due to the full commitment of our DFG budget. |

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| Business | 8337 | 26/11/10 | 16/12/2010 | Disabled People & Young People Service | <p>Subject :Organisation structure for Children's services</p> <p>Under the freedom of information act could you please provide me with the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisation structure for Children's services I.E types of teams such as Learning difficulties, fostering, duty and assessment etc. 2. Names of the managers and heads of service for these departments. 3. Names of social workers within the teams | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached the Children's services organisation chart.</p> <p>We have withheld the names of staff members and their individual e-mail address and contact number under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act as it relates to personal data of the individuals concerned. We consider that releasing such bulk information would be contrary to the staffs' expectations about the use of their information. We consider that it would therefore be unfair to disclose the information without the consent of the staff members affected by the disclosure.</p> |
| Public | 8372 | 01/12/10 | 16/12/2010 | Communications/Press office/publicity | <p>Subject: Money paid to Hunter Lodge</p> <p>How much did the Council pay Hunter Lodge for photographs of the Mayor?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>No money was paid to Hunter Lodge for photographs of the Mayor.</p> |
| Public | 8202 | 14/10/10 | 17/12/2010 | Members - Other | <p>Subject: Councillor (personal data redacted)</p> <p>Can you please explain why this "portfolio" lists only the generic regular activities for all "Cabinet Members" (is he a cabinet member?), and does not list the role, responsibilities and priorities for the supposed portfolio?</p> <p>My initial thoughts on receiving this "portfolio" is that it was quickly hashed up as a cut-and-paste from other so called portfolios as a genuine portfolio for the "post" didn't exist prior to my original enquiry. When was this "portfolio" developed?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>This is the portfolio attached to the temporary six month appointment which was announced by the Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council on 27th May and will terminate on 27th November. It is not a Cabinet position.</p> |
| Public | 8276 | 09/11/10 | 17/12/2010 | DP- Social Care (Closed Files) | <p>Subject: Expenditure of social care department</p> | <p>Summary:</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>1. I would like the detailed expenditure budget of the social care department (obviously without identifying individual staff salaries) for the last financial year and the projected budget for the next 5 years.</p> <p>2. I would like to know how many proposals which have been approved by your cabinet have subsequently been amended in the social care area</p> | <p>1. The full expenditure and income budget for the whole of social care 'Adults' and 'Children and Young People' is available from the following link: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/budgetbook.htm</p> <p>We do not have a projected budget for the next five years. Therefore, this information is not held by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>2. If Cabinet makes a decision, this is recorded and is already available publicly on the internet, please see below link: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/hownewhamisgoverned/themayorandexecutive.htm</p> <p>Council departments do not amend, or change Cabinet decisions. If any change to the recorded decision is required, this would come back to the Mayor for approval.</p> |
| Public | 8335 | 22/11/10 | 17/12/2010 | ICT | <p>Subject: ICT</p> <p>One of your responses leads me to ask a follow up question - you answered that you do indeed use Lean IT techniques to identify and eliminate waste in ICT. Could you please let me know what specific Lean IT techniques you have employed (e.g. Kaizen) and what types of wasteful activities have been identified and eliminated?</p> <p>Also - many of your answers refer to a link. I am afraid that the link is not valid. When I try to go to the web page in question I get an error message informing me that this page is no longer available. Could you send me through another link?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We use BPR and have used the Vanguard/Seddon interpretation of Lean for our Service Desk function. By streamlining processes and implementing ITIL we are moving to more self-service functions e.g. password resets, faq's, training guides, auto-fix of known issues, introducing a self service portal and making better use of staff time.</p> <p>2. A copy of Newham's Carbon Management Plan is attached.</p> |

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| Business | 8357 | 26/11/10 | 17/12/2010 | Road Safety | <p>Subject: Bicycle stand/parking locations in the Borough</p> <p>Please can you provide details of all existing and proposed bicycle stand parking locations in the borough, identifying which are existing and those that are proposed. Ideally I would like this information electronically and in as much detail as you have available (latitude & longitude coordinates, Ordinance survey grid reference, post code of nearest building, street name and description, etc).</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is contained in the attached table.</p> <p>Please note that the list provided is not a definitive list. The proposed list of cycle parking locations is not yet finalised.</p> |
| Public | 8358 | 26/11/10 | 17/12/2010 | Highway Maintenance | <p>Subject: Upkeep of the public highway</p> <p>1. A copy of the Council's policy, procedures and code of practice relating to Highways Safety Inspections.</p> <p>2. The Intervention levels that the authority works to in respect of highway defects; i) uneven footway surfacing, which might cause a trip, slip or fall to a pedestrian . ii) pot holes in the carriageway, which might cause an accident to a road user.</p> <p>3. Response times for defects that meet the council's intervention level criteria. It is likely that some defects will be more severe than others and therefore require a shorter response time.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Council's policy, procedures are based on prescriptive standards in accordance with the Highways Maintenance Code of Practice of 1989. This is being revised to conform to the current Highways Maintenance Code of Practice, published in 2005.</p> <p>The Highways Maintenance Code of Practice, published in 2005 is available from the TSO website, www.tsoshop.co.uk/bookstore</p> <p>Published: 06 Jul 2005; ISBN: 9780115526954: Price: £15.00.</p> <p>2. i) & (ii) Intervention levels – Please see attached document.</p> <p>3. Response times - Please see attached document.</p> |
| Public | 8329 | 26/11/10 | 17/12/2010 | CYPS - Corporate Parenting | <p>Subject: Allowances</p> <p>Please can you quantify your Council's Basic Fostering Allowances Foster Child Birthday, Christmas and Holiday Allowances Foster Child Initial Clothing and School Uniform Allowances -</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is contained in the attached document.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>even if these are discretionary?</p> <p>Any other Foster Child Allowances - even if discretionary.</p> | |
| Public | 8377 | 29/11/10 | 17/12/2010 | Parking Fines | <p>Subject: PCN</p> <p>Please provide the information relating to the Bailiff companies instructed to collect the charges for the above vehicle.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is as follows:</p> <p>Newlyn Collection Services - 01604633001 - www.newlynplc.co.uk</p> <p>Whytes & Co - 08454589429 - whyte.co.uk</p> <p>Marstons - 08707878910 - martonsgroup.co.uk</p> <p>Equita - 08705581581 - equita.co.uk</p> |
| Public | 8387 | 01/12/10 | 17/12/2010 | Communications | <p>Subject: Members of staff employed in communications department</p> <p>1. How may members of staff do you employ in your communications department?</p> <p>2. What are the combined salary costs of the communications department?</p> <p>3. How much do you pay additionally to consultants or agency staff for communications work?</p> <p>4. What is the total of the salaries paid for communications?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We employ 13.5 communication officers.</p> <p>2. £428,984</p> <p>3. None.</p> <p>4. £428,984</p> |
| Public | 8315 | 21/11/10 | 20/12/2010 | Food safety | <p>Subject: Food businesses registration</p> <p>I am writing to request a list of all food businesses registered within your borough under the Freedom</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is contained in the attached spreadsheet. Please note each line represents a separate</p> |

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| | | | | | of Information Act. Kindly reply this email with a link or an attachment. | business. |
| Public | 8304 | 22/11/10 | 20/12/2010 | Chief Executive and CE's Office | <p>Subject: Chief Executive salary and expenses</p> <p>1. Please provide the name and most recently published salary (i.e. 2009-10) of your chief executive. (I realise this is public information, but it would be enormously useful to include it on your response.)</p> <p>2. Please provide me with a spreadsheet detailing for each of the financial years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 how much your chief executive claimed for each of:</p> <p>a) Mileage allowance for cost of using own car for council business b) Taxis within UK c) Chauffeurs within UK d) Train travel within UK - please state whether standard or first-class e) Plane travel within UK - please state whether economy, business or first f) Plane travel from UK to another country - please state whether economy, business or first g) Hotel stays within the UK h) Hotel stays outside of the UK</p> <p>3. For 2009-10, please itemise each of a-h (for example, 'taxi from council offices to meeting in Wimbledon, 9/11/09, £6.80', 'stay in Hilton Mumbai, four nights, £400', 'first-class train from Newcastle to London for meeting with other council chief executives, £142').</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The Chief Executive is Kim Bromley-Derry. His salary is £195,000.</p> <p>2 & 3.</p> <p>2007/08</p> <p>No claims made.</p> <p>2008/09</p> <p>a) Mileage allowance for cost of using own car for council business</p> <p>No claim made.</p> <p>b) Taxis within UK</p> <p>No claim made.</p> <p>c) Chauffeurs within UK</p> <p>No claim made.</p> <p>d) Train travel within UK - please state whether standard or first-class</p> <p>£99, standard class.</p> <p>e) Plane travel within UK - please state whether economy, business or first</p> |

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| | | | | | | <p>f) Plane travel from UK to another country - please state whether economy, business or first</p> <p>No claim made.</p> <p>g) Hotel stays within the UK</p> <p>27-04-09 NOVOTEL, NEWHAM, ACCOMODATION Attendance at evening assessment as part of senior recruitment interviews. £102.80</p> <p>04-05-09 RAMADA HOTEL, NEWHAM, ACCOMODATION Attendance at evening business meeting with external peer review team. £ 159.80</p> <p>h) Hotel stays outside of the UK</p> <p>No claim made.</p> |
| Public | 8312 | 23/11/10 | 20/12/2010 | Legal Services | <p>Subject: OSC Procedures and Guidance Document (September 2010 edition)</p> <p>Please can you send me the above document? I understand that it was recently sent to you by the Office of Surveillance Commissioner (OSC).</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find the requested information attached.</p> |
| Media | 8313 | 23/11/10 | 21/12/2010 | CYPS - Corporate Parenting | <p>Subject: Missing children</p> <p>In March 2008 Newham was one of 13 local authorities asked to identify the number of children “not in receipt of a suitable education”. (see Home Affairs committee select report – reproduced partly underneath this email)</p> <p>At the time you identified 40 children.</p> <p>This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for answers to the following questions. I would</p> | <p>Summary:</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 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</p> |

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| | | | | <p>appreciate it if you would prioritise answering questions 5) and 6).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the council identified the whereabouts of any or all of the 40 children missing from school rolls in 2008? 2. If it has done so, I request details about what happened to them. 3. Out of this number, how many of those missing were girls and how many were boys? 4. I request all details of any concerns raised by the council in relation to the missing children and domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and/or forced marriage. If so, I request all copies of emails / reports / letters held by you which mention or refer to these concerns. 5. As of the date of this request, what number of children have been absent from school rolls within Newham for longer than a two month consecutive period? 6. Out of this number, how many children are boys and how many are girls? | <p>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 would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Please note, the local authority has robust arrangements in place to ensure that children are tracked and receiving education.</p> |
| Public | 8321 | 23/11/10 | 21/12/2010 | <p>Parking Fines</p> <p>Subject: Parking enforcement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I'm requesting information of all the parking enforcement enforceable within the Newham Borough. Both CCTV, Mobile And Walking Enforcement. Carried out by your contractor MOUCHEL. 2. I will also be grateful if you can also give me the observation time for each contravention before they | <p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Maps are published on our website, which our enforcement contractors enforce. All other parking contraventions are enforced, please see the 'observation times' document for the types of enforcement that is carried throughout the borough. Restrictions are indicated by signs and lines. 2. The information requested is contained in the attached |

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| | | | | | can be enforced. | document. |
| Public | 7787 | 18/09/10 | 22/12/2010 | CYPS - Schools Traded Services | <p>Subject: Possession of a weapon</p> <p>In the academic years 2008/9 and 2009/10 (please break down by year):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On how many occasions have secondary school pupils at schools in your area have been caught in possession of a weapon while on the school premises? 2. How many individual secondary school pupils at schools in your area have been caught in possession of a weapon while on the school premises? 3. What action did the school take as a consequence? i.e. was the child expelled, suspended, reported to the police, no action taken? | <p>Summary:</p> <p>In the academic years 2008/9 and 2009/10 (please break down by year):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schools are not required to notify the Authority of all incidents involving pupils and weapons. 2. Schools are not required to notify the Authority of all incidents involving pupils and weapons. 3. Schools are required to notify the Authority of permanent exclusions. <p>In 2008/09, there were 12 permanent exclusions where the reason involved a weapon. In 2009/10, there were 4 such cases. Information about all other actions would be held by the schools.</p> |
| Public | 7793 | 20/09/10 | 22/12/2010 | Human Resources | <p>Subject: Training on Neuro - Linguistic Programming</p> <p>Please could you tell me how many of your staff has been sent on Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) related training courses in each financial year? How much was spent in each financial year on NLP related courses and which of your senior managers have been sent on NLP related courses? Could you provide this information by financial year for the last three years? Could you also please supply me with any handouts of NLP related courses that your staff have been sent to? I would like this information in electronic format please.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>NLP is not managed or made available by the Central Training Unit. External training is managed locally within respective service areas. Locating and retrieving the information requested would involve interrogating various systems and trawling through our records. This task will be very resource intensive and would take more than 2.5 days.</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> |

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| Businesses | 7846 | 27/09/10 | 22/12/2010 | Environmental Health | <p>Subject: CO2 Emissions</p> <p>Please could you email me a copy of the latest "Tool for calculation of CO2 emissions from organisations" (excel file) your authority submitted to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), in order to calculate National Indicator 185 / 194. I believe that this would have been completed/submitted by your authority's Facilities/Energy Management Team and be for the financial year 2008-09.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is contained in the attached spreadsheet.</p> |
| Solicitors | 7995 | 29/09/10 | 22/12/2010 | Vulnerable Young People | <p>Subject: Children in care</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copies of any local authority policies relating to the education of former relevant children. 2. Copies of any local authority policies relating to financial support for former relevant children. 3. Please confirm the number of former relevant children in the care of the local authority over the age of 21 who are in full time education. 4. Please confirm the number of former relevant children in the care of the local authority under the age of 21 who are in full time education. 5. Please confirm the number of former relevant children over the age of 20 in questions 5 and 6 who are provided financial support and accommodation by the local authority. 6. Please confirm the number of children in 6, 7 and 8 who are asylum seekers or failed asylum seekers. | <p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please see attached documents requested. 2. Please see attached documents requested. 3. Approximately 31 children 4. 125 5. 119 6. 113 |
| Public Bodies | 7954 | 07/10/10 | 22/12/2010 | Planning Policy and UDP | <p>Subject: Enforcement Notice</p> | <p>Summary:</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>A copy of the Enforcement Notice allegedly issued in 2006 Title Number EGL513036- (the plot of land forming part of the Terence McMillan stadium in Maybury Road)</p> <p>1. A copy of the Press Notice allegedly issued in November 2006.</p> <p>2. A copy of the letter which was allegedly sent in 2006 pertaining to the neighbouring land in Maybury Road.</p> <p>3. A copy of Notice to an adjoining owner of a proposed registration in November 2006 (Land registry)</p> | <p>The information regarding planning and the Press Notice is accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempted under section 21(2) (a) 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> <p>We have trawled through our records and could not locate the Notice referred to (point 3, above).</p> <p>Furthermore, we cannot release information relating to third parties, as this would contravene Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.</p> |
| Public | 8211 | 10/11/10 | 22/12/2010 | Legal Services | <p>Subject: Out of court settlement</p> <p>Please release the number of out-of-court settlements agreed by your organisation in each of the last five years.</p> <p>For each out-of-court settlement, please give specific details as to the nature of the dispute, the position of the employee and the amount of money paid in compensation by the organisation.</p> <p>e. g. In August 2007, a 24-year-old receptionist brought a claim of sexual harassment against the organisation during an employment tribunal. We settled out-of-court for £30,000.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council does not collate the information in one place. Whilst it is not entirely clear from your enquiry if it relates to all out of court settlement or just those relating to employees this would appear to be the case from the example given.</p> <p>Unfortunately, because the Council does not hold this information in one place this would require searching of individual case files going back a period of 5 years. 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>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> |

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| | | | | | | 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. |
| Public | 8322 | 24/11/10 | 22/12/2010 | Finance | <p>Subject: Agency staff</p> <p>1. How much did the authority spend on agency staff for the financial year 2009/10?</p> <p>2. How much did the authority spend on consultants for the financial year 2009/10?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. £ 21,499.890</p> <p>2. £8,225.598.00</p> |
| Public | 5785 | 25/11/09 | 23/12/2010 | Highway Maintenance | <p>Subject: Road Maintenance</p> <p>QUESTION 1: How much did your authority spend in 2008/09 on maintaining ROADS (excluding footways) via:</p> <p>(a) REACTIVE patching of roads (i.e. in response to public complaints, Councillor requests, reports of potholes, your Inspectors findings potholes, etc)?</p> <p>YOUR ANSWER: £ _____</p> <p>(b) PLANNED roads maintenance schemes (i.e. digging up and relaying entire roads, major schemes, works planned in advance, not in response to complaints)?</p> <p>YOUR ANSWER: £ _____</p> <p>QUESTION 2: What, in your opinion, is the critical level in % planned spending for maintaining roads below which spending ought not to go?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1 (a) Reactive patching of roads = £511,396 1 (b) Planned road maintenance = £1,094,067</p> <p>2. Planned maintenance budgets should be set based on highway asset management plan (HAMP) principles. This means taking account of network length and condition and resurfacing/reconstructing carriageways at the appropriate intervals.</p> <p>3. Surface dressing is not a maintenance technique that is used in Newham. The life of a surface dressing is dependent on many factors including the condition of the existing road surface, the quality of preparation e.g. patching, aggregate size, type of binder used, traffic flows, high stress sites e.g. bends and approaches to signalised junctions and environmental factors e.g. damp, exposure to sun light, shaded by buildings or trees.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>YOUR ANSWER:</p> <p>Must not go below _--____% planned roads maintenance expenditure</p> <p>QUESTION 3A: in your professional experience how many years does a single application of top dressing last on:</p> <p>(i) An 'average' urban road (i.e. not a dual carriageway or heavily used main road)?</p> <p>YOUR ANSWER: ____ years</p> <p>(ii) A dual carriageway or heavily used main road?</p> <p>YOUR ANSWER: ____ years</p> <p>QUESTION 3B: in your professional experience, for how many years can repeatedly applying top dressings again and again be done, without it leading to serious future problems, for:</p> <p>(i) An 'average' urban road (i.e. not a dual carriageway or heavily used main road)</p> <p>YOUR ANSWER: ____ years</p> <p>(ii) A dual carriageway or heavily used main road:</p> <p>YOUR ANSWER:____ years</p> | |
| Business | 7723 | 07/09/10 | 23/12/2010 | DP- Repairs | <p>Subject: Housing and Parking</p> <p>1. Housing Repairs</p> <p>a) Total HRA expenditure for 2009/10</p> <p>b) Total HRA Income for 2009/10</p> <p>c) HRA expenditure on Repairs & Maintenance for 2009/10</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Housing Repairs</p> <p>a) Total HRA expenditure for 2009/10 was £112,829,754</p> <p>b) Total HRA Income for 2009/10 was £112,201,194</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>d) Number of repairs jobs raised during 2009/10 e) Number of repairs calls received in Council call centre from tenants during 2009/10 f) Average call time (seconds) for Housing Repair calls in 2009/10</p> <p>2. Parking a) Income from Parking Services for 2009/10 b) Expenditure by Parking Services for 2009/10 c) Total number of PCNs issued for 2009/10 d) Number of Parking related calls received in Council call centre during 2009/10</p> | <p>c) HRA expenditure on Repairs & Maintenance for 2009/10 was £12,930,659</p> <p>d) Number of repairs jobs raised during 2009/10 for Newham Homes = 60,000</p> <p>e) We do not hold the requested information specifically for tenants as the calls received are not categorised specifically for housing repairs. However, we can confirm that in 2009/10 the Council's repairs operation centre received 125,965 external calls from members of the public.</p> <p>f) The recoded average call time for the repair jobs raised during 2009/10 for Newham Homes is 22 seconds.</p> <p>2. Parking a) Income from Parking Services for 2009/10 was £10,496,003.</p> <p>b) Expenditure by Parking Services for 2009/10 was £12,027,035.</p> <p>c) Total number of PCNs issued for 2009/10 was 1,531,032.</p> <p>d) Number of Parking related calls received in Council call centre during 2009/10 was 109, 442 calls were received at the contact centre. Kindly note that these were primarily payment calls.</p> |
| Media | 7845 | 27/09/10 | 23/12/2010 | Chief Executive and CE's Office | <p>Subject: Charges</p> <p>Can you tell me what charges your council has increased in the last financial year or is considering increasing next year?</p> <p>For instance Permits in Controlled Parking Zones, library fees, leisure tariffs, meals on wheels, care</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Domestic Care (Home Help/Care)</p> <p>No increase in the previous year. No decision yet been made. Any proposals will be part of the Budget Strategy which is currently being developed</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>worker rates, pay and display parking etc. I am only interested in ones that are above inflation.</p> | <p>The Council is currently consulting its residents on proposals to change its charging policy for adults in receipt of non-residential services and/or personal budgets. See http://www.newham.gov.uk/Features/ConsultingNewham-haveyoursay.htm</p> <p>Library Charges</p> <p>Library charges have not increased since 2008/09 when the following changes were made:</p> <p>1st Oct 2008 Fines on all items Book and AV increased from 16p to 18p per item per day with a maximum per item of £5.00</p> <p>1st November 2008 removal of charges for hire for films, music and talking books.</p> <p>In August 2009 the following differential reservation charge was introduced for placing reservations on items of stock:</p> <p>Newham Residents: Free Non-Residents: £1.00</p> <p>Please see the hyperlink below for full charges http://www.newham.gov.uk/entertainmentandleisure/libraries/libraryservices/feesandcharges.htm</p> <p>Parking Charges in CPZs and Park and Display areas</p> <p>Please see the hyperlink below for full charges: http://www.newham.gov.uk/parkingandtransport/changes-tothecostofparkinginnewham.htm</p> <p>Registration Services</p> <p>These are increased annually following consideration of information on charges by others, the cost of the service and RPI. The report and notice of change is posted at the</p> |
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| | | | | | | <p>Register Office before the new charges are introduced. The report published in February 2010 is attached.</p> <p>Other charges can be accessed through the Council's Information Publication Scheme at http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FreedomOfInformation/InformationPublicationScheme.htm</p> <p>or by searching the Council's website at http://www.newham.gov.uk/</p> <p>As most decisions on charging policies are dealt with at Cabinet, you can also search previous decisions by searching the Council's agenda, minutes and reports at http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bc=1</p> |
| Public | 7918 | 29/09/10 | 23/12/2010 | Parking Fines | <p>Subject: Traffic Order</p> <p>Your website states that "Motorcycles can park within all bays except those marked 'disabled'. They do not need to pay and display."</p> <p>A link to the website is as follows:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/ControlledParkingZones/MotorcycleParking.htm</p> <p>Please provide me with a copy of the relevant Traffic Order which legislates that Motorcycles can park in Newham without having to pay and display.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>As requested, please find attached the Traffic Management Order 2010 No.97 which legislates that motorcycles can park in Newham without having to pay and display. The relevant article is 8(2) on page seven.</p> |
| Media | 8336 | 25/11/10 | 23/12/2010 | Housing Benefit Service | <p>Subject: Local Housing Allowance</p> <p>1. What is the largest household you provide funding to under the LHA scheme? Please state the total number of adults and children in the</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Eleven individuals make up the largest household receiving housing benefit under LHA. There are 3 adults and 8 children in the household.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>household?</p> <p>2. How many bedrooms has the house that is provided to this family got? How many above or below the LHA calculation for this household is this?</p> <p>3. What LHA allowance are they entitled to per week?</p> <p>4. How much LHA do they claim every week?</p> | <p>2. The property has 5 bedrooms. This is 1 bedroom under the household need based on the LHA calculation.</p> <p>3. The LHA rate capped at the 5-bed level is £360.00 per week.</p> <p>4. The household is entitled to £312.25 per week.</p> |
| Business | 8334 | 25/11/10 | 23/12/2010 | Information Governance [IS External Requests] | <p>Subject: IT security</p> <p>Please can you confirm Names, Email addresses and where possible Telephone numbers including the person who deals with the councils IT Security.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act, Section 40 (2), and we do not see any public interest reason for releasing their names on bulk as that would be contrary to the officers' expectations at present.</p> <p>The Data Protection Act stipulates that personal data must be process fairly and lawfully and that certain conditions must be satisfied, one of which is that consent must be obtained from the data subject.</p> <p>At present, the expectation of staff in Newham is that their personal details will be released as necessary to facilitate service delivery and when required in law. Our officers have no expectation that their names will be released on bulk for any purposes including marketing or unsolicited communication not directly related to service delivery. Likewise, the Council is entitled to protect its business systems and staff from such contact.</p> <p>The staff listed below have consented to their contact details being disclosed: Chief Information Officer –Geoff Connell Tel: 020 3373 3639 E-mail: Geoff.Connell@newham.gov.uk</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>ICT Service Manager (Support) – John Friend Tel: 020 3373 1897 E-mail: john.friend@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>ICT Service Manager (Delivery) - Gary Sussex Tel: 020 3373 3324 E-mail: Gary.Sussex@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Head of Information Governance - Ian Gibbs Tel: 020 3373 2645 E-mail: Ian.Gibbs@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>ICT Service Delivery Manager (Special Projects) - Duncan Mackie Tel: 020 3373 9333 E-mail: Duncan.Mackie@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>ICT Service Delivery Manager (Avail and Problem) - Colin Rodway Tel: 020 3373 0775 E-mail: Colin.Rodway@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>ICT Service Delivery Manager (Capacity and Config) - Dilip Chudgar Tel: 02033730714 E-mail: Dilip.Chudgar@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Head of Portfolio Management - Priya Javeri Tel: 020 3373 4468 E-mail: Priya.Javeri@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Deputy ICT Service Delivery Manager (Incident) - Sudesh Battu Tel: 020 3373 0789 E-mail: Sudesh.Battu@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Deputy ICT Service Delivery Manager (Change) - Norman Smith Tel: 020 3373 0782</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>E-mail: Norman.Smith@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Deputy ICT Service Delivery Manager (Development) - Ian Gibbs Tel: 020 3373 2645 E-mail: Ian.Gibbs@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Deputy ICT Service Delivery Manager (Telephony) – John Stockwell Tel: 020 3373 3324 E-mail: John.Stockwell@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Contract and Printing Services Manager – Stephen Malyon Tel: 020 3373 6612 E-mail: Stephen.Malyon@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>ICT Training Manager - John Friend Tel: 020 3373 1897 E-mail: John.Friend@newham.gov.uk</p> | |
| Public Bodies | 8353 | 26/11/10 | 24/12/2010 | Corporate Contracts | <p>Subject: Procurement</p> <p>I would like to find out details of a tender commission that was awarded in September for provision of art programming in Canning Town.</p> <p>I was informed that it was advertised on NECTR but have never been able to find any information when I have logged in. How would I go about finding out this information from the Council?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Due to a clerical error, details of the tender commission, NCCTR reference RRP/CT/2459/DM (Brief for an Art Commission) has only recently been published.</p> <p>Awarded contracts can be viewed on the NECTR bulletin board by selecting "awarded" under the Current/awarded heading and "all" under display tenders heading.</p> |
| Business | 8397 | 26/11/10 | 24/12/2010 | Highway Records | <p>Subject: Data -Un-Adopted Highways</p> <p>Please provide details of all outstanding section 278(Highways Act 1980) agreements on record in the area of LBN stating: -Developer Name</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see the attached document. The spread sheet includes the list of Highway adoptions under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980 and approved alteration of the highway under Section 278 of the Act. In cases where</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>- Highways/Street Name -Development Name -Bond Surety Provider -Bond Amount</p> <p>Please provide a list of all the "un-adopted "highways in LBN that have a section 38 agreement in place or have historically been granted technical approval:</p> <p>- A list of all un-adopted highways in the LBN constituency with a section 38 agreement in place including the location, developer and or landowners named on the agreement.</p> <p>- Contact details of the head/principal representative in your highways and legal department who is involved in highways adopted.</p> <p>- Any details you may hold regarding the third party surety provider as named on the agreement and remaining bond value-if available.</p> | <p>both procedures the Council arranges for both S38 and S278 works to be covered by a single, combined agreement.</p> <p>Should there be any questions, please contact, Paul Cooper, Principal Engineer Network Management Highways Transport and Parking London Borough of Newham Newham Dockside 1000 Dockside Road London E16 2QU</p> |
| Public | 8379 | 29/11/10 | 29/12/2010 | Service and Performance Improvement Service | <p>Subject: Children and Young People's Services</p> <p>I am contacting you from one of the partners in a project designed to collect information and good practice about the provision for implementing the equalities agenda in Children and Young People's Services across England.</p> <p>The two partners involved in the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young People's Services Equality Network, an informal supportive | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Phase 1</p> <p>Structure (Structural charts/matrix can be submitted):</p> <p>1. (a) What is your Corporate Equality & Diversity Structure? Equality and Diversity London Borough of Newham Corporate responsibility for Equality and Diversity is managed within the Corporate Planning and Partnerships Team, who work with the Executive Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion to ensure that there is a</p> |

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| | | | | <p>network set up in 2007, which has gradually expanded to include representation from around 50 LAs and is now keen to have a more comprehensive picture of provision, to document effective practise and to further expand its membership;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheffield Hallam University which has allocated time for a member of staff and a research associate to collect and collate the information. <p>The purposes of the project are:</p> <p>Phase 1: By e-mail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To map the structures, personnel and job descriptions for staff with the equality and diversity brief within Children and Young People's Services <p>Phase 2: By pre-arranged telephone interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To collect qualitative information about the role, support for and impact of CYPS equality officers. • To collect information about likely changes in the role of these officers. <p>Phase 3: By local visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and describe effective practice in Local Authority Children and Young People's Services in the implementation of equalities legislation in schools and other educational or care establishments. • To provide case studies of how national equality legislation has been translated into local action producing improved experiences and outcomes for service users / employees. | <p>robust strategy in place. Corporate Planning and Partnerships sits within the Chief Executive's Directorate. We have placed a renewed emphasis on a mainstreamed approach to equality with an expectation that everyone takes responsibility for ensuring the highest equality standards in service delivery for all of our residents and service users.</p> <p>This means ensuring a consistent and high quality service is delivered to everyone with recognition and action taken where there are barriers which affect specific groups and which can impact on the quality or level of service they receive. Specific corporate areas of work on Equality and Diversity include:</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessments (EqIAs) Comprehensive training is underway for officers across the Council on EqIAs. The aim is to ensure that assessments are conducted at the right time, for the right things and to the highest standards in line with the principals of High Performing Newham.</p> <p>Equality Director Group The Equality Director Group (EDG) is focused on practical solutions and driving actions on Equality and Diversity that will make a real difference to outcomes for Newham residents. The EDG is chaired by the Executive Director of Adults, Culture and Leisure. Members of EDG are at Executive or Divisional Director level with the remit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oversee the implementation of EqIAs and Equality Action Plans including undertaking audits to ensure a consistently high standard. They will also identify problems services have encountered while undertaking EqIAs and look to find corporate solutions, for example in terms of addressing gaps in data and information - Review and drive actions on equality service issues drawing on real customer service issues. |
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| | | | | <p>Further details can be found in the attached project description. We would, therefore, be very grateful if you would complete the template questionnaire attached to this letter, which has been pre-tested in several LAs and successfully provided the relevant information. As you will see from the project description, the outcomes will include a report, a research paper and a conference, so the findings will be well disseminated and available to all interested parties.</p> <p>We appreciate that the timing of the project coincides with major financial challenges for Local Authorities and the ensuing uncertainties; but it also coincides with the implementation of the Equalities Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty and we are confident that the project will be of real value to a range of professionals working in Children and Young People's Services. I shall therefore appreciate, if you can either act on this request or pass it on to the appropriate officer in-charge of CYPS services for urgent action. I look forward to hearing from you soon.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Maxwell Ayamba (Research Associate, Sheffield Hallam University)</p> <p>Questionnaire by e-mail</p> <p>Structure (Structural charts/matrix can be submitted):</p> <p>1. (a) What is your Corporate Equality &</p> | <p>(b) What is your CYPS (Children's Services) Equality & Diversity Structure?</p> <p>Responsibility for equalities is mainstreamed into the roles of all Senior Managers (Including the Executive Director of CYPS, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service) in the London Borough of Newham's Children and Young People's Directorate.</p> <p>The overall lead for equalities in the Children and Young People's Directorate is the Acting Executive Director for Children and Young People's Services – Tolis Vouyioukas. The Directorate is represented at the Corporate Board.</p> <p>Within the Directorate service plan there is a forward plan of equalities impact assessments that will be carried out throughout the year. Furthermore there is a CYPS single equality scheme action plan. This will be integrated into future service plans. The Strategic Service Planning and Improvement Service provide support to the service in carrying out Equalities Impact Assessments.</p> <p>(c) What is your Equality & Diversity Support structure for schools?</p> <p>All schools are expected to have 'transparent and accountable action plans for promoting disability, race and gender equality which are published on the school website'. It is the Governing Body's responsibility to ensure that the policy translates into practice. Currently we support schools to produce such policies but in the future schools will be required to commission such support as and when needed. There will be a core team at the Local Authority who monitors equality and diversity in schools through the Improvement agenda and with the ongoing aim of raising standards and improving outcomes for all.</p> |
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| | | | | <p>Diversity Structure?</p> <p>(b) What is your CYPS (Children's Services) Equality & Diversity Structure?</p> <p>(c) What is your Equality & Diversity Support structure for schools?</p> <p>(d) How are they related to each other?</p> <p>2. In CYPS (Children's Services) which individual/s have a lead responsibility for the following equality strands: about the CYPS mapping exercise.</p> | <p>(d) How are they related to each other? As stated previously, responsibility for equalities is mainstreamed into the roles of all Senior Managers.</p> <p>We are currently uncertain as to where the Local Authorities future statutory responsibilities with schools. For example, we currently are charged with monitoring race equality yet we are not sure whether this will continue in the future.</p> <p>2. In CYPS (Children's Services) which individual/s have a lead responsibility for the following equality strands: CYPS in Newham does not separate into different equalities leads. Equalities are mainstreamed into the roles of all Senior Managers (Including the Executive Director of CYPS, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service) in the London Borough of Newham's Children and Young People's Directorate.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Job title</th> <th>Salary Scale/Grade (i.e. £29,500-£33,500 – PO3)</th> <th>Job Description (Please tick if you are attaching)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Race</td> <td>N/A – Please see comments above</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disability</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gender</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Religion/Belief</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | Job title | Salary Scale/Grade (i.e. £29,500-£33,500 – PO3) | Job Description (Please tick if you are attaching) | Race | N/A – Please see comments above | N/A | N/A | Disability | N/A | N/A | N/A | Gender | N/A | N/A | N/A | Religion/Belief | N/A | N/A | N/A |
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| Business | 8139 | 29/11/10 | 29/12/2010 | Environmental Health | <p>Subject: Contract(s) for asbestos related services</p> <p>The Institute of Occupational Medicine (www.iom-world.org) is making a request for information on your current contract(s) for asbestos related services.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>Asbestos Survey Services are carried out by in house staff including monitoring and analysis of Asbestos</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | <p>We wish to know;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of current provider(s) for asbestos survey services. 2. Name of current provider(s) for asbestos monitoring/analysis services (if different). 3. Expiry date / renewal date of current contract(s) | |
| Public | 8389 | 01/12/10 | 29/12/2010 | Policy and Research | <p>Subject: London Borough of Newham</p> <p>Newham is growing rapidly. This is because of the Olympics and its surrounding activities.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could provide the answers to the following questions?</p> <p>Gross Value Added (GVA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current total GVA? 2. What is the GVA per head? 3. Newham's' ranking in Britain and London. 4. What is the average GVA for London? <p>We would also like to know other economics rates for Newham</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Start Up/ Death Rates? 2. Average house price? 3. Average Rent price? 4. What is Newham's' unemployment rate? <p>I would really be grateful if these can be answered with up to date information.</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold data on GVA. This is published by the Office for National Statistics www.statistics.gov.uk but within London data is only available at a sub-regional level.</p> <p>Regarding the other questions these all relate to datasets which are produced by other agencies and are publicly available. You may find it useful to contact the sources listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Start Up/ Death Rates? This information is published by the Office for National Statistics and is available at www.nomisweb.co.uk. 2. Average house price? This information is published by the Land Registry and is available at www.landregistry.gov.uk. 3) Average Rent price? For private sector properties this information is published by the Valuation Office Agency and is available at https://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/Secure/Default.aspx. It is also available at http://www.london.gov.uk/rents/. 4) What is Newham's' unemployment rate? This information is published by the Office for National Statistics and is available at www.nomisweb.co.uk. |

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| | | | | | | Please note, information which are accessible by other means are exempt from disclosure under section 21(2) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. |
| Public | 8370 | 01/12/10 | 29/12/2010 | Adult Services (FOI) | <p>Subject: Outsource of the social work / care management service</p> <p>1. Do you currently outsource any part of your social work / care management service to a private organisation, either in adult or children's services? If so what part/s of the service are you outsourcing?</p> <p>2. Are you currently considering outsourcing any part of your social work / care management service to a private organisation, either in adult or children's services? If so what part/s of the service are you considering outsourcing?</p> <p>3. Where do you advertise upcoming contract opportunities for social work recruitment and/or for the outsourcing of social work services?</p> <p>4. If there is a contract in place, what is the end date for your current contract for social work recruitment? (this contract may also cover various additional job types depending on how it is managed) At the end date what are the extension options with the current provider (if any) or will there be a tender opportunity for additional suppliers?</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes - Fostering and Adoption Assessments (Children's Services). Nil for Adults.</p> <p>2. Not at present</p> <p>3. Recruitment of social workers (permanent or temporary) is conducted through Human Resources.</p> <p>4. Not applicable.</p> |
| Organisation | 8460 | 01/12/10 | 31/12/2010 | Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools) | <p>Subject: Allegations against those working with children</p> <p>He has asked for the data for 2009/10 to be provided.</p> <p>This is a Freedom of Information Request relating</p> | <p>Summary:</p> <p>The information requested is contained in the below table.</p> <p>Referrals of allegations against professionals by employment sector and primary abuse category for 1/9/09</p> |

| | | | | <p>to the allegations against those working with children and young people. I would like the number of referrals after an allegation by employment sector* and primary abuse category**, for each academic year 2009/10, or the earliest available date if after 2000. This is likely to be held by your Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), in a form similar to the one submitted to the DCSF for their fifth report of session 2008-09 "Allegations Against School Staff", I have attached a file for an example.</p> <p>The ideal format for the return of this information would be via e-mail in the Excel file type</p> <p>Thank you for your time, please contact me if any further clarifications are needed.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, Richard Murphy</p> <p>*Employment Sectors Social Care Health Education Foster Carers Connexions Police YOT Probation CAFCASS Secure Estate NSPCC Voluntary Youth Organisations Faith Groups Armed Forces Immigration/Asylum Support Services Other</p> <p>**Primary Abuse Categories</p> | <p>- 31/8/10</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Employer</th> <th>Physical</th> <th>Emotional</th> <th>Sexual</th> <th>Neglect</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Social Care:</td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health:</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education:</td> <td>26</td> <td>1</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foster Carers:</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Connexions:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Police:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>YOT:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Probation:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAFCASS:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secure Estate:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>NSPCC:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Voluntary Youth Organisations :</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Faith Groups:</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Armed Forces:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immigration/Asylum Support Services:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other:</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total for each type of abuse:</td> <td>50</td> <td>1</td> <td>14</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Employer | Physical | Emotional | Sexual | Neglect | Social Care: | 6 | | 1 | 3 | Health: | 5 | | 1 | 2 | Education: | 26 | 1 | 6 | 1 | Foster Carers: | 4 | | | | Connexions: | | | | | Police: | | | 1 | | YOT: | | | | | Probation: | | | | | CAFCASS: | | | | | Secure Estate: | | | | | NSPCC: | | | | | Voluntary Youth Organisations : | 3 | | 3 | | Faith Groups: | 3 | | 2 | | Armed Forces: | | | | | Immigration/Asylum Support Services: | | | | | Other: | 3 | | | | Total for each type of abuse: | 50 | 1 | 14 | 6 |
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| Immigration/Asylum Support Services: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other: | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total for each type of abuse: | 50 | 1 | 14 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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