

Information Governance Report

Responses to Requests

Period: 01/06/2011 to 30/06/2011

Type	Sub Enquiry ID	Date Received	Date Responded	Service	Enquiry Details	Response Details
Media	9439	15/04/2011	01/06/2011	Finance	<p>Subject: Payment of over £500</p> <p>Please supply me with details of all spending over £500 transacted by the use of credit cards for all council officials and councillors for the last 3 years detailing the item, date and purpose. Where the payments were made by senior council officials or councillors, please also provide the name of the individual.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached a spreadsheet of transactions over £500 for the last 3 years as requested.</p> <p>(spreadsheet attached)</p>
Media	9608	12/05/2011	01/06/2011	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject: Green status</p> <p>1. How many applications did you receive to designate an area with Town/Village Green status during 2009, 2010 and 2011 to date? Please break down those numbers by year.</p> <p>2. For each year, how many applications did you approve?</p> <p>3. Where were the applications that you</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council has not received any applications to designate an area with Town/Village Green status during 2009, 2010 or 2011.</p>

					approved in 2011 please?	
Police	9651	16/05/2011	01/06/2011	Parking Design	<p>Subject: Documentation for delivery hours and unloading hours</p> <p>I request 2 Planning Permission Deeds showing delivery hours and unloading hours & all matters for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sainsbury's, Romford Rd, E15 next to Atherton Sports Centre; 2. Tesco, Romford Rd, E15 was Pidgeon Pub, next to Bow County Court. 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. All details related to the planning permission for Sainsbury's on Romford Road can be found on our website www.newham.gov.uk.</p> <p>Please follow the link to Public Access and type in the following reference: 06/00173/FUL. Alternatively, we would suggest that you contact Sainsbury's directly for this information.</p> <p>2. It was not necessary for Tesco to apply for planning permission (the law allows a pub to change to a supermarket without needing permission from the Council). On this basis we do not hold the information requested and again would suggest that you contact Tesco's directly.</p>
Public	9712	24/05/2011	01/06/2011	Cleansing Waste and Recycling Service	<p>Subject: Refuse Collection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you currently provide a pest control service for residents? 2. If you used to provide a pest control service for private households which you have now stopped, when did you stop providing it? (Month and Year) 3. How frequent are the following collections you provide to private households (if applicable)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.) the non-recyclable refuse collection service 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes, Newham Council does provide a pest control service to its residents. Please see link for details: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourenvironment/pestcontrol/pestcontrol.htm</p> <p>2. N/A.</p> <p>3a. Weekly.</p> <p>3b. N/A.</p> <p>4. Stayed the same.</p>

					<p>b.) the food waste refuse collection service</p> <p>4. Has the frequency of the non-recyclable refuse collection service you provide to private households changed increased, decreased or stayed the same since January 1st 2005?</p> <p>5. If so, when did this change take place (Month and Year) and what was the reduction in frequency (e.g. weekly to fortnightly)?</p>	5. N/A.
Business	9598	12/05/2011	02/06/2011	Corporate Contracts	<p>Subject: Building maintenance and highways maintenance contracts</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, I require the following details of your current building maintenance and highways maintenance contracts...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Contract start dates 2.Contract end dates 3.Any possible extensions 4.Procurement method (e.g.) Schedule of Rates 5. If a Schedule of Rates was used which one? 6.Type of contract used 7.Value of contracts 8.List of winning tenderers 9. Contact details of those responsible for procurement for building maintenance and highways maintenance. 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below details relating to Highways Maintenance contracts only. The definition of 'Building Maintenance' is too vague to produce a response as there are potentially many contracts for specific pieces or types of work for various buildings across the council.</p> <p>Please feel free to submit a new request specifying what aspect of building maintenance is required.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st September 2004. 2. 30th September 2010 (with extension to September 2013). 3. Option of three year extension. 4. Specification for Highway Works (SHW) published by HMSO as Volume 1 of the Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works dated March 1998. 5.Method of Measurement for Highway Works published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office as Section 1 of Volume 4 of the Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works.

						<p>6. London Borough of Newham Terms and Conditions. 7. £10,500,000.00. 8. FM Conway Limited. 9. Head of Built Environment, is responsible for procurement for highways maintenance (Please note Michael Flanagan is the Divisional Director of Property, responsible for procurement for building maintenance, michael.flanagan@newham.gov.uk).</p>
Public	9674	19/05/2011	02/06/2011	Cleansing Waste and Recycling Service	<p>Subject: Ice Cleats</p> <p>We are making the following enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act. Any reference to Ice Cleats below is a reference to any protective footwear/ or attachment to footwear which is designed to prevent the wearer from slipping/ tripping or falling on Ice or Snow. The attached image shows a refuse collector wearing one such ice cleat.</p> <p>Queries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Local Authority purchased any "Ice Cleats" in the last 3 years? 2. If the answer is "Yes" for question 1: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For which Department were the Ice Cleats purchased? E.g. refuse collectors, food delivery staff, outdoor workers, care workers. b. How many Ice Cleats did you buy and who from? c. What was the total expenditure on ice cleats? 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ice Cleats have never been supplied to staff from the Stores. 2. N/A. 3. The Local Authority is investigating purchasing ice cleats or a similar product for Cleansing and Refuse. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3b. 150. 3c. 244. 3d. Information not held. 4. Five staff in the Cleansing and Highways divisions were injured. 5. The procedure would be to work with Health & Safety, Union Reps and Staff. If deemed acceptable we would initiate a trial period to see if they improved the working environment for the staff. 6. Five incidents were recorded in the Cleansing and Highways divisions.

				<p>d. Which Ice Cleat products were purchased (name of product) and what was the price paid for each product (per Ice Cleat)?</p> <p>3. If the answer is “No” to question 1:</p> <p>a. Have any proposal been made to purchase or is the Local Authority contemplating purchasing any ice cleats for winter 2011 to help employees work during snow/icy conditions and if so for which departments?</p> <p>b. How many refuse collectors/ bin men do you employ.?</p> <p>c. How many outdoor workers do you employ? Outdoor staff means workers whose principal work in the outdoors environment and not inside a building e.g. street cleaners (an estimate would suffice here)</p> <p>d. How many Visiting Staff do you employ- staff who need to visit local residents to e.g. check up on their health and well being (an estimate would suffice here)</p> <p>4. How many of your employees were injured last year due to slip, trips or falls in icy/snowy conditions?</p> <p>5. Please could you describe what the Local Authority’s procedure would be if they were to buy Ice Cleats for workers? E.g. would this require</p>	<p>7. Waste collections were suspended for one day.</p> <p>8. Refuse staff were supplied with 245 pairs of safety boots between the period of 2009-10, the supplier is L.J.Rushton.</p>
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					<p>approval by the Council at a meeting of Councillors?</p> <p>6. Please can you confirm how many trips and injuries suffered by the Local Authority were recorded last year by any outdoor workers specifically due to snow/icy conditions?</p> <p>7. Please can you confirm how many refuse collection services you cancelled last year due to snow and ice being deemed a health hazard?</p> <p>8. Please can you confirm how many boots you ordered for refuse collectors in financial year 2009-2010 and who you purchased these boots from.</p>	
Organisation	9498	07/04/2011	03/06/2011	Corporate Contracts	<p>Subject: Winning Tender for ITT</p> <p>We wish to receive a copy of the winning ITT submission plus any supporting evidence and scorecard for this winning tender. We also request a list of the company names of the unsuccessful bidders.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached a copy of the winning tender's submission. Please note some extracts of the document have not been released in line with Section 40, Section 41 and 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Section 40</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse this aspect of your request as disclosure could result in the identification of individuals. This would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p>

					<p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>Section 41</p> <p>41(1) Information is exempt information if – (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p> <p>(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.</p> <p>Section 43</p> <p>Some of the information from the winning tender's submission is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Act. The London Borough of Newham will not disclose information which would prejudice the commercial interests of the company concerned. Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. We have decided that in this case the public interest lies in favour of not disclosing the requested information.</p> <p>Furthermore, under Section 43, the London Borough of Newham have decided not to disclose the names of the</p>
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						<p>unsuccessful tenders as this may deter such companies from future bids.</p> <p>As requested, please find attached the scorecard for the winning tender.</p> <p>(spreadsheet attached)</p>
Public	9544	05/05/2011	03/06/2011	Housing Investment Projects	<p>Subject: Housing</p> <p>He would like to receive a copy in full of the letter that was sent to the Secretary of State - Social Housing Land under section 32 of the 1985 Housing Act.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the documents requested.</p> <p>Please note, documents number 2 and 4 as stated on the letter have been exempted for the following reasons.</p> <p>The valuation report contains financial information about the properties within the Canning Town area, including potential income generation in relation to these assets. We consider the releasing this information prematurely could prejudice the sale of properties and have therefore withheld it under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities, we consider that in this case and for the reason stated above, there is a greater public interest in non-disclosure.</p> <p>The schedule of properties contains a list of addresses of the 161 empty properties. We have withheld this document under section 31(1) (a) of the Act. This section provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Putting the addresses of empty properties within the London Borough of Newham into the public domain</p>

						<p>would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and expose neighbourhoods to anti-social behaviour and criminal activities. Further, such properties may be exposed to a greater risk of arson or criminal damage, which if carried out may endanger other persons in neighbouring properties (see also section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act below). This would prejudice the objectives of preventing criminal behaviour. Our Community Safety Team and the Police are currently doing all they can to deal with these problems and the Council is not prepared to exacerbate the problem by disclosing known empty properties.</p> <p>Section 31 is a qualified exemption to which the public interest test must be applied.</p> <p>When balancing the public interest regard must be had to the range and types of persons who may, at some future point, come into contact with the information (bearing in mind that Information disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act is released, in effect, to the 'world-at-large'). It therefore would not be in the interest of the public if the requested information is disclosed.</p>
Public	9565	06/05/2011	03/06/2011	Legal Services	<p>Subject: Injunction made by the Local Authority</p> <p>1. How many injunctions has the local authority from 2005-2010 called for? 2. How many injunctions restricting the right of the person in the court case to speak to anyone not involved in the court case have been issued on behalf of the local authority/employees of the local authority since 2000? 3. How many people have been imprisoned for breaching a court</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>With regards to questions 1, 3 and 5, under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>The information you have requested is not held centrally and to provide you with the information and statistics you have requested would require an officer to trawl through a number of individual case files across a number of sections within the Council, which would exceed the appropriate</p>

					<p>injunction order bought by the local authority i)- this year ii) five years ago iii) –ten years ago?</p> <p>4. How many injunctions have been called for by the Local Authority/Local Authority restricting an MP’s ability to correspond with their constituent/s ?</p> <p>5. How many people have been imprisoned for breaching a court injunction order bought by the local authority i)- This Year ii) five years ago iii) –ten years ago?</p> <p>6. How many injunctions since 2005 have been taken out by the local authority/ employee of the local authority restricting the media’s ability to report cases?</p>	<p>limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the ‘appropriate limit’. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>However, we can confirm that one individual was imprisoned for breach of an injunction in 2010.</p> <p>Should you wish to limit your request to a reduced period of 6 months we will endeavour to assist you further.</p> <p>For the purpose of the facts set out in questions 2, 4 and 6, from 2005 to date Newham Council has not called for any injunctions.</p>
Business	9572	09/05/2011	03/06/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject: Looked After Children</p> <p>1. Please could you tell me how many Looked After Children there were under the care of Newham Council at 31st March 2010?</p> <p>2. How many were in independent/private sector residential placements and how many were in in-</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. 561 2. Independent/private sector residential placements – 55. In-house residential accommodation – none. 3. 258 4. Newham fostering placements – 111. IFAs – 289. 5. Looked After Children over the age of 16 – 76.</p>

					<p>house residential accommodation.</p> <p>3. How many were placed out of the borough?</p> <p>4. Additionally, how many were in Newham fostering placements and how many were in IFAs?</p> <p>5. How many Looked After Children over the age of 16? And how many are in support living accommodation?</p>	Support living accommodation – there are 25 in supported lodgings.
Public	9750	31/05/2011	03/06/2011	Information Governance [IS External Requests]	<p>Subject: Salary and Job Description for FOI</p> <p>Please send me the salary and job description for your Council's FOI officer or whoever deals with FOIs as part of their role.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Responsibility for dealing with Freedom of Information requests falls within the Complaints and Member Enquiries team in Democratic Services.</p> <p>Officers within this team have a generic job description to enable them to deal with Member enquiries, complaints, FOI and DPA requests.</p> <p>There are two officers within that team whose responsibility is primarily to deal with FOI requests, although it is necessary in many cases to seek information from officers within the Council in order to answer requests.</p> <p>The job description for Complaints and Member Enquiries officers is attached. The salary scale is £29,601-£33,510.</p>
Public Bodies	9781	03/06/2011	03/06/2011	Information Governance [IS External Requests]	<p>Subject: Salary and Job Description for FOI</p> <p>Please send me the salary and job description for your Council's FOI officer or whoever deals with FOIs as</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Responsibility for dealing with Freedom of Information requests falls within the Complaints and Member Enquiries team in Democratic Services.</p>

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Public	9493	21/04/2011	06/06/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Cable Car - DFT</p> <p>Please give me a copy of all correspondence between Newham Council and DfT regarding the Cable Car.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence as requested.</p> <p>We have removed some information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal details, including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's or local authority staff would expect their details to be made available in the public domain without their consent</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>The information described below have been withheld</p>

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Public	9494	21/04/2011	06/06/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Cable Car NATs</p> <p>Please give me a copy of all correspondence between Newham Council and NATS regarding the Cable Car.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence as requested.</p> <p>We have removed some information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal details, including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's or local authority staff would expect their details to be made available in the public domain without their consent</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of</p>

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Public	9495	21/04/2011	06/06/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Cable Car - LCY</p> <p>Please give me a copy of all correspondence between Newham Council and London City Airport regarding the Cable Car.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence as requested.</p> <p>We have removed some information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal details, including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's or local authority staff would expect their details to be made available in the</p>

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Public	9496	21/04/2011	06/06/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Cable Car - TFL</p> <p>Please give me a copy of all correspondence between Newham Council and TFL regarding the Cable Car for Jan , Feb & March 2011</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence as requested.</p> <p>We have removed some information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal details, including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore</p>

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Business	9678	06/05/2011	06/06/2011	Business Rates	<p>Subject: Business Rates</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>To locate the requested information would require an</p>

				<p>we request a list detailing all credits held on your business rates system for our clients, as well as credits written away to suspense/control accounts and amounts written off during the last 12 months.</p> <p>We attach a letter of authority for our clients and list below their business names, trading names and subsidiary names.</p> <p>Could you please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name of ratepayer • amount (value) • date of credit • property address • property postcode • billing address • account number • property ref number 	<p>Officer to manually trawl through records and run numerous queries for each ratepayer and would therefore exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>However, if you wish to limit your request to three or four companies, providing the exact name of the company, then please submit a new request and we will endeavour to provide the information requested.</p>	
Public	9563	06/05/2011	06/06/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Complaints about staff</p> <p>1. Please could you send me (electronically) your policy/procedure documents relating to complaints of alleged misconduct by officers received from other office staff, elected members and members of the public. Please do not just send a copy of your whistle blowing policy/complaints policy, I am also asking for procedure specific to misconduct.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please find attached Newham Council's Employee Code of Conduct and the Conduct Policy and Procedure.</p> <p>2. We are not able to provide the information requested in full as to retrieve and collate this level of historical information and detail would exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of</p>

					<p>2. In relation to 1. above, how many complaints have been received, since 2005 and please detail whether these complaints were dismissed or upheld and what, if any, further action was taken, also please detail the departments to which the complaints relate.</p> <p>3. Please could you tell me how many people are currently listed under the Council's 'Policy for Managing Unreasonable Conduct by Complainants'. If there are any, please inform me to which department the complaints relate.</p>	<p>complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>We can disclose however, that in 2010/11 Newham Council had 69 internal conduct cases against employees and that there are currently 28 on-going internal conduct cases.</p> <p>3. Newham Council does not have a 'Policy for Managing Unreasonable Conduct by Complainants'. However, we do have a policy regarding 'Unreasonably persistent and vexatious complainants'. There are not currently any individuals on the 'vexatious list'.</p>
Public	9682	09/05/2011	06/06/2011	Legal Services	<p>Subject: Correspondence - Tinklers Solicitors</p> <p>I understand you may have received the attached claim from Tinklers solicitors. Under the FOI /EIR could you advise me of your response thereto and provide me with a copy of all paperwork received and exchanged.</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 sections 32 and 42 exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information:</p> <p>Section 32- Court records, etc. (1)Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it is held only by virtue of being contained in—</p>

						<p>(a)any document filed with, or otherwise placed in the custody of, a court for the purposes of proceedings in a particular cause or matter, (b)any document served upon, or by, a public authority for the purposes of proceedings in a particular cause or matter, or (c)any document created by— (i)a court, or (ii)a member of the administrative staff of a court, for the purposes of proceedings in a particular cause or matter.</p> <p>Section 32 exempts information contained in particular types of litigation documents and court, tribunal and enquiry records, and will apply regardless of the content of the information. There are separate methods for gaining access to court and tribunal records and this section ensure that the Freedom of Information Act does not supersede those regimes. This is an absolute exemption therefore there is no need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Further it would be contempt of court to disclose information that is the subject of existing legal proceedings.</p> <p>Section 41</p> <p>“(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</p>
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					<p>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>In order for this exemption to apply, the information must have been obtained from another person or public 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>The 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> <p>Under Section 42 (1) (2) of the Freedom of Information Act the Council is exempt from the duty to communicate information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.</p> <p>Given that section 42 is a qualified exemption, the decision whether or not to release the information is therefore subject to the public interest test. It is acknowledged that there is a general public interest in public authorities being accountable for the quality of their decision making. Ensuring that decisions have been made on the basis of good quality legal advice is part of that accountability. Transparency in the decision making process and access to the information upon which decisions have been made can enhance accountability. However, it is also in the public interest that the legal adviser needs to be able to present the full picture to their clients, which includes not only arguments in support of his or her conclusions but also the arguments that may be made against them. It is in the nature of legal advice that it often sets out the possible</p>
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						<p>arguments both for and against a particular view, weighing up their relative merits.</p> <p>On this basis, we consider that, disclosure would not be in the public interest as doing so would compromise and the process for obtaining independent legal advice, thus impacting on our ability to discharge our public functions.</p>
Public	9600	12/05/2011	06/06/2011	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: CCTV enforcement vehicles</p> <p>1) The number of mobile CCTV enforcement vehicles your council currently owns or operates.</p> <p>2) The total amount of money the council has spent on operating mobile CCTV enforcement schemes each year between financial year 2005/06 and financial year 2010/11.</p> <p>3) The total annual cost of each individual mobile CCTV enforcement vehicle your council owned or operated during financial year 2010/11.</p> <p>4) The number of successful prosecutions achieved for crimes committed within your council area as a result of evidence obtained using mobile CCTV enforcement vehicles (please break this down by financial year from 2005/6 to 2010/11).</p> <p>5) The name of a contractor used to provide mobile CCTV enforcement vehicle services if this is not run</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Newham Council currently operates two CCTV enforcement vehicles (Smart cars).</p> <p>2) 2005/6 - None 2006/7 - None Nov 2007/ Mar 08 - £11,000.00 (Scheme introduced). 2008/9 - £26,400.00 Apr 2009/Nov 2009 - £17,600.00. Dec 2009/Mar 2010 - £13,978.69 (Scheme contracted to Mouchel). 2010/11 - £41,936.08</p> <p>3) The annual cost of each vehicle is approximately £20,000.</p> <p>4) Parking and Traffic Enforcement issue CCTV Penalty Charge Notices under the Traffic Management Act 2004/ London Local Authorities Act 2003 (as amended), PCNs are therefore decriminalised and do not follow the criminal prosecution route.</p> <p>5) The contractor used by Newham Council is Mouchel.</p>

					directly by the council.	
Business	9623	17/05/2011	06/06/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Westfield development</p> <p>A copy of the Section 106 Agreement signed by Westfield Developers regarding the Stratford City development. I would like the most recent version (2005?).</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>This information you require is available on the Newham website via the following link: http://pad.newham.gov.uk/AniteIM.Websearch/Results.aspx</p> <p>To view the requested document, click on 'Revised S106, June 2009 - Zone 1'.</p>
Public	9573	10/05/2011	08/06/2011	Internal Audit	<p>Subject: Private companies</p> <p>1. Since 1 January 2009, has the council employed or paid for any work to be done by private companies, organisations, individuals or charities, to deal with security, detective work or law enforcement? E.g. private security companies, private detectives, etc. (NB: This should include long-standing contracts within this time period, as well as any cases where only one of either the work or the payment took place during the time period.)</p> <p>2. If the answer to the above question is 'yes', could you please list in as much detail as possible the nature of the work. This should include information on any CCTV or any other filming was done.</p> <p>3. Please also specify the date(s) the</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council has paid for security provision for mass participation events that range from 20,000 attendees on a single day to more than 40,000 over a number of evenings. The primary function is to ensure access control and crowd management. These are procured on an event by event basis at present.</p> <p>The Counter Fraud team occasionally engage the services of a Private Investigation company to conduct mobile surveillance as part of criminal investigations. This is on an adhoc basis and happens rarely as we use our own staff wherever possible. We recently answered a FoI enquiry in respect of the use of investigators to carry out surveillance under RIPA and I enclose the Council's response to that enquiry These are low value one off arrangements with relevant specialist providers which are procured as and when required.</p> <p>Newham also uses security companies to provide monitoring of the Council's alarm network and the provision of a mobile security response including on site</p>

				<p>work took place, the cost of the work and the name of the company/ organisation/ individual that did the work (or is due to do the work). If there is a long-standing contract, please state this also.</p>	<p>security and to provide Static Guard duties at Council sites such as Local Services Centres.</p> <p>Details of suppliers and spend in this regard is published by the Council on a monthly basis along with all spend over £500. Please see below link:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/paymentstosuppliers.htm</p> <p>The Council has recently reviewed its arrangements for security/guarding and decided to adopt a corporate approach to procurement of such services in the future. Accordingly the Council is currently carrying out its options appraisal as part of its pre procurement processes. Because the Council is likely to go out to procurement shortly the Council considers that provision of specific information over and above that set out above relating to contractors would at this point in time not be in the public interest as it may affect the Council's position to obtain the best price and tender for these services.</p> <p>This information is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) Commercial interests Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).</p> <p>However, the 'Mayoral Proceedings: Pre-procurement report for Borough Security contract' which sets out the Council's proposed approach in this regard for the future may be of interest to you (item 8) and can be accessed via the following link:</p>
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						http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=296&MIId=7334&Ver=4
Voluntary Sector	9745	27/05/2011	08/06/2011	CT and CH Regeneration	<p>Subject: Empty Dwellings for demolition</p> <p>1. What is the current total number of empty dwellings within your council where demolition was or is planned?</p> <p>Out of these, how many are</p> <p>A) Privately owned? And how many are</p> <p>B) Owned by the council, housing associations, or any other public body?</p> <p>2. How much has it cost, thus far, to secure these council owned empty properties from risks (such as squatters) since they became empty?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. 486. We are unable to manipulate our system to identify which of these are privately owned/ Council owned/ Housing Association/ other. To do so would require an officer to manually trawl through each record to provide this information, which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>2. The total is estimate at £381,411.</p>
Public	9743	31/05/2011	08/06/2011	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Supply teacher expenditure</p> <p>I am writing under the freedom of information act to request details of Newham Council's spend on supply teaching staff for the financial year</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find spreadsheet attached.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2009-2010 Expenditure Roll</p>

				2009/2010	Primary Schools	
				I have looked through your published budget but cannot see any reference to E26 which outlines the spend by individual school on supply/agency staff.	Altmore	91,612.93 411
					Avenue	287,495.37 647
					Brampton	208,283.64 677
					Britannia Village	27,643.96 303
					Calverton	30,053.50 342
					Carpenters	59,888.50 399
					Central Park	167,173.62 720
					Cleves	308,082.74 459
					Colegrave	87,867.00 444
					Curwen	130,289.54 456
					Dersingham	122,068.45 296
					Drew	263,045.65 411
					Earlham	97,837.80 319
					Ellen Wilkinson	98,362.89 425
					Elmhurst	210,130.42 873
					Essex	157,529.41 898
					Gainsborough	45,952.96 304
					Gallions	81,863.07 427
					Godwin	98,919.04 358
					Grange	112,471.93 226
					Hallsville	16,808.27 393
					Hartley	137,318.37 672
					Kaizen	151,815.01 289
					Keir Hardie	60,492.31 244
					Kensington	195,041.28 451
					Lathom	75,219.63 465
					Manor	104,917.89 344
					Maryland	39,401.90 436
					Monega	362,615.55 677
					Nelson	143,664.59 838
					New City	73,098.58 545
					North Beckton	27,789.15 453
					Odessa	94,499.43 295
					Park	2,207.95485
					Plaistow	27,096.35 378

					Portway	128,229.82	587	
					Ranelagh	68,276.00	357	
					Ravenscroft	62,864.80	419	
					Roman Road	31,396.09	225	
					Rosetta	58,689.69	451	
					Salisbury	34,975.36	426	
					Sandringham	278,097.41	862	
					Scott Wilkie	135,084.68	400	
					Selwyn	242,916.27	459	
					Shaftesbury	63,824.10	588	
					Sheringham	112,492.88	339	
					Sir John Heron	88,134.50	452	
					Southern Road	96,087.56	725	
					St Antony's	86,058.90	451	
					St Edward's	51,691.80	432	
					St Francis'	60,999.87	439	
					St Helen's	3,087.43469		
					St James'	97,817.00	304	
					St Joachim's	18,430.90	238	
					St Luke's	41,050.77	229	
					St Michael's	2,729.67233		
					St Stephen's	91,628.00	399	
					St Winefride's	56,705.65	321	
					Star	131,357.53	542	
					Tollgate	19,122.59	420	
					Upton Cross	27,623.74	335	
					Vicarage	177,016.43	689	
					West Ham Church	73,019.61		323
					William Davies	24,322.75	229	
					Winsor	137,498.76	405	
					Woodgrange	40,832.14	299	
					Secondary Schools			
					Brampton Manor	169,270.33	1,436	
					Cumberland	287,872.74	1,288	

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					<p>2. How many members of staff have been dismissed for internet or e-mail misuse? Please outline number relating to social networking dismissals if available.</p>	<p>blocked access to all social networking sites.</p> <p>To locate the requested information would exceed the appropriate time limit. It would require an Officer to manually trawl through individual HR files as we do not monitor this data in the way requested.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>2. For the same reasons given above, locating this information would exceed the appropriate limit and therefore your request has been refused under Section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>3. The number of employees dismissed from their employment with the Authority was as follows: 2009: 53 2010: 77 2011 (to date): 25</p>
Public	9606	11/05/2011	09/06/2011	Customer Services	Subject: Correspondence regarding removal of foreign language newspapers	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence as requested.</p>

					<p>According to BBC reports, you have decided to remove foreign-language newspapers from your libraries in order to encourage people to read English newspapers instead.</p> <p>I would like to request access to all documents related to this decision, such as internal e-mails, notes and correspondence, as well as minutes or summaries of meetings where this may have been discussed, as well as any letters, memoranda or notes in which this decision was announced.</p> <p>If you have received or written external correspondence in this matter, please include this as well.</p>	<p>We have removed some information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal details, including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's or local authority staff would expect their details to be made available in the public domain without their consent</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>(correspondence attached)</p>
Media	9604	11/05/2011	09/06/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject: Children awaiting adoption</p> <p>1. How many children are currently awaiting adoption in your borough? Please also state the child's:</p> <p>a) Age b) Ethnic background or origin c) Length of time they have been waiting to be adopted</p> <p>2. How many prospective adopters are currently waiting to be matched with a child? Please also state their:</p> <p>a) Ethnic background or origin</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There are 32 children currently awaiting adoption. a) The above mentioned children are all aged between 0 and 7 years old. b) There are 13 White British; 5 British/ Black Caribbean; 10 Black African/ Black Caribbean/ Black Other; 2 Asian; 1 British/ Asian; and 1 Eastern European. c) There are 12 that have been waiting 0-3 months; 5 waiting 3-6 months; 3 waiting 9-12 months; and 12 waiting for 12 months or over.</p> <p>2. At present there are 2 prospective adopters currently waiting to be matched with a child. One couple is British/ Indian and the other is Bangladeshi.</p>

				<p>3. How many children have been matched with parents in the last 3 years? Please give the child's:</p> <p>a) Age b) Ethnic background or origin and: c) Whether the adopters ethnic origins matched those of the child.</p> <p>3. How many times in the last 3 years has a child been denied adoptive parents solely on the grounds that the child and prospective adopter do not share the same racial or cultural background?</p> <p>4. What is the boroughs policy on adoption? In particular:</p> <p>a) The need to place children with adoptive families with the same ethnic origins? b) The recommendations of social workers in relation to ethnic race or origin c) The need to place children in a family with other children</p>	<p>3. Please see table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1503 331 2134 491"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year (from 01/04 to 31/03)</th> <th>Children matched with parents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2010/2011</td> <td>47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/2010</td> <td>39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/2009</td> <td>48</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>a) The above mentioned children are all aged between 0 and 8 years old.</p> <p>b) This information is not readily available and would require an officer to trawl through each case to identify the ethnicity of the child, which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>c) Not in all cases.</p> <p>4. None</p>	Year (from 01/04 to 31/03)	Children matched with parents	2010/2011	47	2009/2010	39	2008/2009	48
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Public	9605	12/05/2011	09/06/2011	Complaints and Member Enquiries	<p>Subject: Health and Wellbeing Boards</p> <p>London Borough Newham is listed by the Department of Health (see link below) as one of the Pathfinder organisations involved in setting up Health and Wellbeing Boards. I am undertaking some research for a magazine article and a charity reviewing the progress on setting up Health and Wellbeing Boards and their future direction. There are a few questions I would like to raise the health and well-being boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a Health and Wellbeing Board been set up by your local authority with the membership as per the Health and Social Care Bill 2011? • Is there representation from the GP commissioning consortia or Pathfinder on the Board? • Have there been any meetings to date of the health and well-being board. If 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. There are representatives from the GP Commissioning Consortia on the Board.</p> <p>3. There have been 2 meeting for the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. Please find the agenda attached.</p> <p>We have redacted personal details under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal data, including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. There was no expectation for private individuals and local authority staff for their details, in connection with the meetings, to be made available in the public domain.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the</p>

					<p>so would you please send me an agenda?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What commissioning arrangements will be in place to enable the Board to contract with the third sector? • Is the proposed transfer of funds from the NHS, estimated at about 4 billion which equates to about £64 per head of population sufficient to meet all of the expected roles of the health and well-being board? 	<p>public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>4. At this time, the Board does not have arrangements in place for commissioning with the third sector. However, members of the Board have their own arrangements in place. The intention is to bring these together over time so the Board has a consistent approach to commissioning from the third sector.</p> <p>5. We cannot comment on this as we are not clear about what the figure quoted relates to (i.e. management costs of the GP Consortia or the Health and Wellbeing Board). Should you wish to clarify this and formulate another request we would be happy to assist.</p>
Media	9613	12/05/2011	10/06/2011	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Street name changes</p> <p>Please note that I am only interested in information which relates to the period May 12 2010 to the present day.</p> <p>Please note that the reference to streets in the questions below can mean a residential street, a highway, an avenue, a crescent, a road, a court, a drive, a cul de sac or any other area which is known by a single 'street/road' name.</p> <p>1. Does the council have responsibility for and or hold information relating to the naming and renaming of streets within its area?</p> <p>2. During the aforementioned period has the council changed the name of</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes, Newham Council does hold this information.</p> <p>2. There have been no instances of change of street names in the period stated.</p> <p>3. There have been no cases of any street names extinguished in this time period.</p> <p>4. Please see below list of new street names in the last 12 months (approx). These are a result of new developments and the Olympics Park Development:</p> <p>New Developments:</p> <p>UMBRIEL PLACE E13 COBB TERRACE MEWSE6 FLEET ROAD E6 MILLMAN ROAD E16 NEVIS CLOSE E13</p>

				<p>any street in its area? If so can the council please state what the street used to be called and what it is now called. Can you please explain why the street was renamed? Please do include details about streets that are to have their names changed in the near future.</p> <p>3. Aside from the above can the council please provide a list of street names which were scrapped and or phased out and or discontinued this year? In the case of each street name can you please state why it was scrapped or discontinued? Please do include details of those street names that are about to be phased out or scrapped.</p> <p>4. For the aforementioned period and aside from those streets already identified in question two can the council please provide a list of new street names which were introduced. In the case of each new street name can you please state why it was introduced? Please do include details of street names which are to be introduced in the near future.</p>	<p>ANTIGUA MEWS E13 BRAMWELL WAY E16 BOOTH ROAD E16 OBERON COURT E6 AGNES GEORGE WALK E16 PHOENIX WAY E16 AIREDALE WALK E15</p> <p>Olympic Park Area: HONOUR LEA AVENUE E 20 SUNRISE CLOSE E 20 NAPA CLOSE E20 LOGAN CLOSE E 20 SCARLET CLOSE E 20 OLYMPIC PARK AVENUE E 20 GLADE WALK E 20 WEST PARK WALK E 20 RAVENS WALK E 20 ANTHEMS WAY E 20 FORTUNES WALK E 20 PRIZE WALK E 20 CHEERING LANE E 20 CELEBRATION AVENUE E 20 DE COUBERTIN STREET E 20 ELIS WAY E 20 MIRABELLE GARDENSE 20 MEDALS WAY E 20 ORIENS MEWS E 20 CHAMPIONS WALK E 20 LIBERTY BRIDGE ROAD E 20 PENNY BROOKES STREET E 20 INTERNATIONAL WAYE 20 FORTIUS WALK E 20 ROUNDHOUSE LANE E 20 HITCHCOCK LANE E 20 MONTFICHET ROAD E 20</p>
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Media	9601	12/05/2011	10/06/2011	Corporate Contracts	<p>Subject: Taxi Fare</p> <p>Amount of money spent by Newham on taxi & cab fares in the last 5 financial years.</p> <p>Would like departmental breakdown of the info. E.g, 'in 2010,council spent £x on taxi fares, of which social services spent £x.'</p> <p>Info on how much of the council's taxi spend was spent on the transport of children. For example, 'in 2010, council spent £x on taxis to transport children to and from family courts.'</p> <p>I would like any info on whether council's spend on taxis is expected to be threatened by government cuts.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Q1: Please find attached a spreadsheet which shows spend on taxi/ cabs for the last 5 financial years and for each directorate. Please note, that due to restructure of the Council over the past years, we had categorised in line with the current structure, therefore you may find this information may differ from previous reports published on our website.</p> <p>Furthermore, the figures shown for Environment (specifically with reference to the Passenger Transport section which falls within Environment Directorate) and Children & Young People Services are predominantly for the transport of children and vulnerable/ disabled adults.</p> <p>Q2 and Q3: We are unable to provide a departmental breakdown in the format requested and how much was spent on children specifically as this would require an officer to trawl through this data which will exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p>

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Public	9609	12/05/2011	10/06/2011	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject: Legacy Stadium Partnership LLP</p> <p>1. What is Newham Council's share-holding in the Legacy Stadium Partnership LLP?</p> <p>2. What organisation has Newham Council borrowed the £40 million from to lend to the Legacy Stadium Partnership LLP as part funding of the acquisition of the Olympic Stadium?</p> <p>3. Have any Newham Council employees been seconded to the Legacy Stadium Partnership LLP?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Legacy Stadium Partnership LLP (the "LLP") is a limited liability partnership whose members are West Ham United Football Club Limited and Newham Council. Each of these parties holds an equal interest in the LLP.</p> <p>2. The OPLC is in negotiation with West Ham and the Council. Newham has not borrowed from any organisation.</p> <p>3. No. A Newham trainee is on temporary work experience secondment to the partnership.</p>
Public	9597	12/05/2011	10/06/2011	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Housing Benefit</p> <p>Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act could I please request</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below the ten highest payments (per week) to recipients of housing benefit in March 2010:</p>

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Public	9592	13/05/2011	13/06/2011	Communications/Press office/publicity	<p>Subject: Newham Mag</p> <p>Information for the Newham Mag (1/1/2010 to 31/12/2010)</p> <p>Revenue generated broken down to internal adverts/supplements, external adverts, partnership adverts and public notices.</p> <p>Is the magazine subsidised or have a budget, if so what is the annual value?</p> <p>Separate design, print and distribution costs for every issue and the pagination.</p> <p>Other staff costs attributed to the magazine.</p> <p>ABC certificated? if so, the annual fee paid and costs to have them audited/verified.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2010/11 - income £105,841.06 generated from external advertising and leaflets distribution. 2) The 2011/12 Newham Council Budget Book identifies £556,000 available for the Newham Mag. 3) Total net cost to the council to print and distribute the fortnightly 40-page Newham Mag in 2010/11 was £397,656.34 - less than 4p per copy per household. 4) There are two officers whose responsibilities include writing and editing across the council's publications and a designer with similar responsibilities. No-one works exclusively on the Newham Mag. The council does not generally account for staff time on particular projects. 5) No

Public	9594	13/05/2011	13/06/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Eligibility criteria and spending for adult social care services</p> <p>1. From 1st April 2011, what is your council's set eligibility criteria banding for social care services, as set out in the statutory guidance; 'Prioritising need in the context of Putting People First: A whole system approach to eligibility for social care. Guidance on Eligibility Criteria for Adult Social Care, England 2010'.</p> <p>2. What was your council's eligibility criterion banding for social care services on 1st April 2010?</p> <p>3. What was the total spending on adult social care for the following financial years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2005-06 ii. 2006-07 iii. 2007-08 iv. 2008-09 v. 2009-10 vi. 2010-11 <p>4. What was the spending on adult social care for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability, for the following financial years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2005-06 ii. 2006-07 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Critical and Substantial</p> <p>2. Critical and Substantial</p> <p>3. For total spend on Adult Social Care, please see table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Source Revenue</th> <th>Outturn</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005/06</td> <td>£68,619m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/07</td> <td>£75,490m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007/08</td> <td>£78,361m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/09</td> <td>£80,157m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td>£83,301m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>£80,057m</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note, all figures quoted are gross of specific grant funding.</p> <p>4. For total spend on Learning Disabilities aged 18-64, please see table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Source Revenue</th> <th>Outturn</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005/06</td> <td>£17,706m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/07</td> <td>£19,357m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007/08</td> <td>£20,746m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/09</td> <td>£21,102m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td>£21,952m</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>£21,398m</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note, all figures quoted are gross of specific grant funding.</p> <p>5. The total funding for Adult Social Care 2011/12 is</p>	Year	Source Revenue	Outturn	2005/06	£68,619m		2006/07	£75,490m		2007/08	£78,361m		2008/09	£80,157m		2009/10	£83,301m		2010/11	£80,057m		Year	Source Revenue	Outturn	2005/06	£17,706m		2006/07	£19,357m		2007/08	£20,746m		2008/09	£21,102m		2009/10	£21,952m		2010/11	£21,398m	
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Public	9586	13/05/2011	13/06/2011	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Housing Benefit</p> <p>Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act could I please request the housing department of Newham council reveal the top ten highest payments in pounds per week made to recipients of housing benefit in March 2011.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below the ten highest payments (per week) to recipients of housing benefit in March 2011:</p> <p>1) £730.00 2) £595.00 3) £527.00 4) £512.20 5) £481.00 6) £473.60 7) £460.90 8) £455.00 9) £453.88</p>

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Public	9622	16/05/2011	13/06/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Teaching Unions</p> <p>I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please let me know:</p> <p>1. How many employees of the local authority spend some or all of their time undertaking duties as representatives of teaching unions – the National Union of Teachers (NUT), the National Association of Schoolmaster and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)? How much is spent on the salaries of any such employees? Please provide this information in relation to the latest year for which figures are available.</p> <p>2. How many teaching days in schools in the local authority area have been lost due to union activity over the last five years?</p> <p>There is clearly a public interest in revealing this information – at a time when local authorities are making cuts, there is a clear demand for more detail on what activities taxpayers’ money is spent on. There is also a clear interest for parents in knowing how union activity has affected children’s learning in the local area over the last five years.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. NUT - 1.8 employees NASUWT - 0.4 employees ATL - None</p> <p>Total cost: £118,328 (inclusive of pension and National Insurance)</p> <p>Please note, the number of Teaching Union officials is related to the number of members. There are currently 3,000 teachers employed in Newham.</p> <p>2. Please see below for number of school teaching days lost due to union activity: 2010-11 - none 2009-10 - none 2008-9 - 42 days (this unusually high figure was largely due to a London-wide strike) 2007-8 - 4 days 2006-7 - none</p>

Organisation	9656	17/05/2011	13/06/2011	HERITAGE SERVICES	<p>Subject: Council buildings affected by the Literary and Scientific Institutions Act</p> <p>The number of Council buildings you hold which could potentially be affected by the Literary and Scientific Institutions Act of 1854.</p> <p>The information I require should include the name and address of any library, museum or other public building occupying land that is subject to a reverted clause in the event of a sale.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>To investigate which buildings, if any, could potentially be affected by the Library and Scientific Institutions Act 1854 would involve more than 2.5 days or searching and potentially examining title and/or deeds for every building which the Council owned.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>It may be helpful to know that there are no museums or art galleries left in the Borough, as the Passmore Edwards Museum was sold to UEL more than 12 years ago and the last museum to close was the North Woolwich Old Station Museum in 2009/ 2010, however the Council did not own this building as it was leased.</p>
Public	9649	17/05/2011	13/06/2011	CYPS - Youth Support	<p>Subject: Youth clubs/ youth centres</p> <p>Please can you provide me with the</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached a list of all Youth Centres, Clubs and</p>

				<p>name and postcode of any local authority-funded youth clubs/youth centres in your area. The clubs do not have to be directly owned by the local authority, but could be run by other agencies and council subsidised.</p> <p>Please can you state which, if any, clubs/centres have been earmarked for closure.</p> <p>If you operate a mobile youth centre service, please can you provide me with the name of the vehicle and the postcode areas where it holds regular sessions.</p>	<p>Projects funded via the Council during the past twelve months. Funding has either been directly from the council budgets or the local allocation of national funding, for example the Youth Opportunities Fund and Youth Crime Action Plan funding.</p> <p>At present it is not possible to say which, or indeed whether any, will be closed. We are currently in the process of commissioning and therefore cannot predetermine the outcome of this. It is anticipated that future funding decisions will be finalised by September 2011, should you wish to contact us then for this information.</p> <table data-bbox="1503 703 2119 1343"> <thead> <tr> <th>Youth Provision/centre/club</th> <th>Post code</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Alternative Trust East</td> <td>E13 8AB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ascension Eagles</td> <td>E16 3HJ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beckton Activities Centre</td> <td>E6 6LW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beckton Globe Youth Zone</td> <td>E6 5JQ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonny Downs (Flanders Field)</td> <td>E6 6DQ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Britannia Village Youth</td> <td>E16 1TU</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Choice 136 Connexions Shop</td> <td>E16 1EN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Conflict and Change</td> <td>E6 2LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East London Skills for Life - Get Involved</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer programme for young people</td> <td>E15 4LP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emmanuel Youth Project</td> <td>E7 8BD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forest Gate Youth Centre</td> <td>E7 0DH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Froud Centre</td> <td>E12 5JF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hartley Centre</td> <td>E16 1LB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involve - Support group for young fathers youth work project</td> <td>W3 6NH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JFK Special</td> <td>E15 4RZ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Ilford Youth Centre</td> <td>E12 6JB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NASSA Basketball and personal skills development Summer Camp</td> <td>E16 2EW</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Youth Provision/centre/club	Post code	Alternative Trust East	E13 8AB	Ascension Eagles	E16 3HJ	Beckton Activities Centre	E6 6LW	Beckton Globe Youth Zone	E6 5JQ	Bonny Downs (Flanders Field)	E6 6DQ	Britannia Village Youth	E16 1TU	Choice 136 Connexions Shop	E16 1EN	Conflict and Change	E6 2LA	East London Skills for Life - Get Involved		Summer programme for young people	E15 4LP	Emmanuel Youth Project	E7 8BD	Forest Gate Youth Centre	E7 0DH	Froud Centre	E12 5JF	Hartley Centre	E16 1LB	Involve - Support group for young fathers youth work project	W3 6NH	JFK Special	E15 4RZ	Little Ilford Youth Centre	E12 6JB	NASSA Basketball and personal skills development Summer Camp	E16 2EW
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Public	9517	26/04/2011	14/06/2011	Finance	<p>Subject: Expenses</p> <p>During the financial year of 2010 to 2011, how many claims for expenses submitted by any contractors, consultants, interim managers, or any</p>	<p>Stage 1:</p> <p>Having concluded the review, we can confirm as follows:</p> <p>Due to the way in which electronic information is captured and stored the response [to previous request] is correct.</p>

				<p>other persons contracted to provided services for the London Borough of Newham, without corroborating receipts (or any other paperwork confirming the expenditure claimed for, other than the actual claim documentation) has the Chief Executive (or any other authorised officer) approved for payment?</p> <p>And what is the total cost for such payments?</p>	<p>Whilst basic financial information is held in the General ledger and Accounts Payable systems, detailed invoice data is held in Iclipse (an electronic document management system). This is "non searchable" in that it holds electronic copies of the invoices, effectively as images or pictures. I.e. it is possible to retrieve the data but not possible to do further electronic analysis with it. The data can be retrieved individually but after this it becomes a manual process. Allowing 3 minutes per transaction to search, print and transcribe the data, which would result in 20 days of work, given there were nearly 3000 transaction items on consultancy codes in 2010/11. Breakdown as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="1503 675 2016 798"> <tr> <td>Minutes to search print and Transcribe</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of transactions</td> <td>2974</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Minutes</td> <td>8922</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Person days (7.2 hours)</td> <td>20.65</td> </tr> </table> <p>Therefore, we have estimated that it would greatly exceed 2.5 days or 18 hours and cost well in excess of £450 to determine whether we hold the information requested, locating, retrieving and extracting it or a document containing it.</p> <p>In view of the way how the information is stored, we cannot see how any formulation of your request would enable us to identify and extract the information you requested within the appropriate limit (less than 2.5 days) taking into account the breakdown outlined above (20.65 days).</p> <p>In light of this, we maintain the response that was originally provided. That is, under Section 12 of the Act, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for</p>	Minutes to search print and Transcribe	3	Number of transactions	2974	Total Minutes	8922	Total Person days (7.2 hours)	20.65
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Public	9653	17/05/2011	14/06/2011	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject: Looked After Children</p> <p>1. As at 31st March 2011, the total number of 'looked after children' in the care of your local authority who were waiting for a foster placement that met their assessed need; broken down by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. children subject to a care order b. children subject to an interim care order c. children looked after under a voluntary agreement <p>2. As at 31st March 2011, the number of 'looked after children' in the care of your local authority that were waiting for a foster placement that met their assessed need and how long these children had been waiting; broken down into the following types of placements (i.e. 1 child has been waiting 2 weeks for a short term</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council does not have children 'waiting' for a suitable placement as detailed in the questions above. Where possible and where in keeping with their needs, we will always seek to place our children in local in-house provision. Where this is not possible or where there needs dictate otherwise we will then seek alternative provision from the private sector. In either case our children do not 'wait' for such a provision.</p>

					<p>placement):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Short term placement 2) Long term placement lasting under 2 years 3) Long term placement lasting over 2 years 4) Emergency placement 5) Parent and child placement <p>3. What context and in what numbers, 'looked after children' in the care of your local authority who were waiting for an appropriate foster placement (as at 31st</p> <p>March 2011) were placed i.e. in residential care, in a bed and breakfast or remaining with their family.</p>	
Public	9397	06/04/2011	15/06/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Voluntary sector reduction in funding</p> <p>1. Where the local authority will reduce a voluntary sector funding stream, grant or contract for 2011/12 compared to 2010/11, as a result of or in relation to funding cuts imposed by central government, I am requesting:</p> <p>a) the name of each third sector organisation that is having its funding reduced in 2011/12 compared to 2010/11; its funding level in 2010/11; its funding level in 2011/12 (including 'zero' where it is receiving no</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Most Third Sector organisations with long-term commissions/contracts had an extension to their contracts for the first three months of this financial year (2011) while LBN set about a retendering/re-commissioning process.</p> <p>As new contracts/commissions may not be awarded until August, with a view to them being commenced/in place by the end of September, we would suggest you re-submit your request after September 2011 as this question cannot be answered comprehensively at this time.</p> <p>2. It is not possible at this time to comment on decisions that will be made in the future (after 2011/12). Any future</p>

				<p>funding); and the name of the funding stream or grant/contract under which it was funded</p> <p>b) where an entire funding stream is being reduced: the name of each funding stream; its size in 2010/11; and its reduced size in 2011/12 (including 'zero' where it is being cancelled)</p> <p>c) point b) above only applies where the funding stream exists primarily to fund third sector organisations; point a) applies to all funding streams</p> <p>d) point a) includes all third sector organisations funded in 2010/11 under any funding stream that is being cancelled in 2011/12 (or is proposed for cancellation in 2011/12 under the council's 2011/12 budget-setting process) except for one-off grant schemes (i.e. schemes that fund one-off activities and do not give repeat grants for the same activity year on year; I leave it to the local authority's discretion to decide which, if any, of its funding streams fit this description)</p> <p>e) decisions to reduce or withdraw discretionary rate relief or rent subsidy fall within the scope of this request</p> <p>f) where a funding cut for 2011/12 has been proposed but not yet confirmed or rejected, please provide responses for a), b), c), d) and e) using the proposed figures where applicable</p> <p>This request does not apply to third sector organisations that received local</p>	<p>changes in funding may relate to mutually agreed changes in levels of or nature of the service provision provided and not necessarily relate to central government cuts.</p> <p>3. This question cannot presently be answered; we would suggest you re-submit your request after September 2011 (please see above).</p> <p>4. Newham Council is unsure of what 11 organisations you are referring to, as well as the figure for the supposed level of reductions of 12%. We would suggest you re-submit your request perhaps providing information about the origin of the figures you have referred to.</p> <p>Please note if you chose to submit another request it would be helpful if you could reduce you request and limit it to a lower spend limit (£5,000. for example). Please also ensure that your request is clear and concise. This is to avoid the appropriate time limit being exceeded and your request being refused.</p>
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				<p>authority funding in 2010/11 but did not apply for funding from the local authority in 2011/12 (except those instances where an entire funding stream is being withdrawn). Where the local authority is not able for whatever reason to determine which third sector organisations did and did not apply for funding in 2011/12, the authority should state this in its response and include all third sector organisations whose funding is being reduced in 2011/12.</p> <p>2. I am requesting details of any proposed or confirmed reductions in funding for third sector organisations after 2011/12 that are the result of or relate to funding cuts imposed by central government.</p> <p>3. I am requesting outline information relating to any increase in funding or contracting opportunities for third sector organisations that the local authority has implemented in 2011/12 or is considering for future years. Please state whether each initiative will be specifically restricted to third sector organisations, or alternatively will require third sector organisations to compete with the for-profit sector.</p> <p>4. Please list the 11 organisations funded under Adult Social Care Preventive Services that had their</p>	
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Media	9621	17/05/2011	15/06/2011	Legal Services	<p>Subject: Compensation for personal injuries</p> <p>1. In the last financial year (10/11) how much money did you pay to students, who attended school under your authority's responsibility, as compensation for personal injuries?</p> <p>2. How many individual claims did this represent?</p> <p>3. For all payments in excess of £2,000 please state the amount of compensation and a brief description of the nature of the claim, e.g. Fall from climbing frame (£2,100), Fingers trapped in door (£3,150).</p> <p>4. In relation to all claims for compensation for personal injury referred to in Q.1 how many of these claims were for injuries sustained as a result of an attack or assault from another student?</p> <p>5. What was the total compensation paid to students who were attacked or assaulted by fellow students?</p> <p>Note this question relates to</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. £8,000</p> <p>2. 1 (we received a total of 3)</p> <p>3. Hit by falling tile (£8,000)</p> <p>4. None</p> <p>5. None</p>

					compensation claims paid in 10/11 irrespective of when the actual injury incident took place. The payments details should not include the costs paid to solicitors, just the compensation.	
Public	9679	19/05/2011	15/06/2011	Corporate Contracts	<p>Subject: Mental Health Services</p> <p>Would it be possible to provide me with the following information:</p> <p>1.A list of mental health services contracted out / outsourced by Newham Council to private organisations (for profit organisations);</p> <p>2.A list of mental health services contracted out / outsourced by Newham Council to voluntary / charitable or not for profit organisations within your geographical area and the names of these organisations for each of the years 1998 to 2011;</p> <p>3. The length of the contracts awarded to voluntary / charitable or not for profit organisations i.e. a year or less, 3 years or less, more than 3 years.</p> <p>4.For the current contracted out / outsourced services to voluntary / charitable or not for profit organisations an indication of their contractual worth e.g. less than</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Questions 1-4: Please find attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>We do not hold records since 1998, however have provided all the information we do hold as you have requested.</p> <p>Please note that our systems currently do not differentiate between ‘for profit’ and voluntary sector organisations or joint ventures. Furthermore, they do not specifically differentiate between those contracts that were at some point outsourced as opposed to other suppliers.</p> <p>Questions 5: We do for some, but not all. The attached list of services contracted out to providers have been awarded in line with terms, conditions and wording of NHS standard contracts as you have referred to.</p> <p>Questions 6: There have been no reduced or curtailed or discontinued services that have had funding withdrawn in the area of mental health at present.</p>

					<p>£50,000, more than£50,000 but less than £100,000, more than £100,000 but less than £250,000, more than £250,000 but less than £500,000.</p> <p>5. Does Newham Council use a standard contract for the provision of such services and if so, is it the NHS Standard Contract for Mental Health and Learning Disability Services?</p> <p>6. As a consequence of the current financial constraints (reduced budgets) has Newham Council had to reduce funding or cease funding any mental health service? and if yes which service(s) and by how much?</p>	
Business	9671	19/05/2011	17/06/2011	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject: Correspondence from LOCOG</p> <p>1. Copies of all emails and letters received by the Council from [personal details redacted], disability access advisor for London 2012 (LOCOG), from May 2010.</p> <p>2. Copies of all minutes of Council meetings at which [personal details redacted] was present from May 2010.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence as requested.</p> <p>We have removed some information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal details; including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's or local authority staff would expect their details to be made available in the public domain without their consent</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of</p>

						the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.
Organisation	9713	25/05/2011	20/06/2011	Planning Projects	<p>Subject: Lease on agricultural land</p> <p>I should be grateful if you could provide information on the area of land owned or held on long lease (99 years plus) by the authority for the following types of land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sports fields and school grounds • urban parks • country parks • county farms • Brownfield sites • other land (please specify type) <p>For agricultural land please indicate the area let on Full Agricultural Tenancy and indicate the area (and term) of any land let on a Farm Business Tenancy (FBT).</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham is a major land owner within the borough and owns the freehold of approximately one third of the land within the borough. Historically in many circumstances the freehold of land is retained when a long leasehold interest in the land is sold. Particularly this relates to a large proportion of the housing stock within the borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council owns approximately 163 Hectares of urban parks. - The Council owns approximately 60 Hectares of sports fields and school grounds (excluding buildings, parking and ancillary areas) - The Council does not own any "Country Parks" - The Council does not own any "County Farms" (figures for Newham City Farm are included within the area for Urban Parks). - The Council does not own any agricultural land or land let on a Farm Business Tenancy. - With regard to Brownfield sites, the Council owns a large number of 'Brownfield Sites' ranging from very small sites (for example 1 or 2 former garages) to larger 3 or 4 acre regeneration sites. <p>In order to respond more fully regarding Brownfield sites specifically, we ask that you clarify the type of information you require.</p>
Public	9747	31/05/2011	20/06/2011	CYPS -	Subject: Salary banding for	Summary:

				<p>Schools Traded Services</p> <p>education staff</p> <p>Could you please provide me with the salary banding for all different types of education staff you have working in the children centre's and primary schools across Newham.</p> <p>For example please tell me the salary bandings for an NVQ level 3 nursery nurses and an NVQ level 2 nursery assistant working within the children centre's and the salary banding for teaching assistants within the Primary Schools.</p>	<p>Please see table below.</p> <p>Please note, this schedule sets out the grades that have been assessed by the Authority as being the appropriate grades for the standard job specifications as at 1st September 2010.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Job Title</th> <th>Grade</th> <th>Pay Scale Range</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Site Supervisor (Secondary School)</td> <td>Scale 4/5</td> <td>£18,915-£23,277</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant (Unqualified)</td> <td>Scale 2</td> <td>£16,482-£17,196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teaching Assistant (Qualified)</td> <td>Scale 3</td> <td>£17,484-£18,592</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Teaching Assistant</td> <td>Scale 5</td> <td>£21,375-£23,277</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Class Supervisor</td> <td>Scale 4/5</td> <td>£18,915-£23,277</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classroom Practitioner (HLTA)</td> <td>Scale 6/S01</td> <td>£23,970-£28,032</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Learning Mentor (Primary)</td> <td>Scale 4/5</td> <td>£18,915-£23,277</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welfare Assistant (Primary Schools)</td> <td>Scale 1</td> <td>£14,697-£16,482</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supervisory Assistant</td> <td>Scale 1</td> <td>£14,697-£16,482</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Supervisory Assistant</td> <td>Scale 2</td> <td>£16,482-£17,196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cleaner</td> <td>Scale 1</td> <td>£14,697-£16,482</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nursery Nurse</td> <td colspan="2">A national grade of posts 6 to 15; full year pay for term time working</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nursery Officer (nursery schools and children's centres)</td> <td>Scale 2/3</td> <td>£16,482-£18,592</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Nursery Officer (nursery schools and children's centres)</td> <td>Scale 5</td> <td>£21,375-£23,277</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Job Title	Grade	Pay Scale Range	Site Supervisor (Secondary School)	Scale 4/5	£18,915-£23,277	Teaching Assistant (Unqualified)	Scale 2	£16,482-£17,196	Teaching Assistant (Qualified)	Scale 3	£17,484-£18,592	Senior Teaching Assistant	Scale 5	£21,375-£23,277	Class Supervisor	Scale 4/5	£18,915-£23,277	Classroom Practitioner (HLTA)	Scale 6/S01	£23,970-£28,032	Learning Mentor (Primary)	Scale 4/5	£18,915-£23,277	Welfare Assistant (Primary Schools)	Scale 1	£14,697-£16,482	Supervisory Assistant	Scale 1	£14,697-£16,482	Senior Supervisory Assistant	Scale 2	£16,482-£17,196	Cleaner	Scale 1	£14,697-£16,482	Nursery Nurse	A national grade of posts 6 to 15; full year pay for term time working		Nursery Officer (nursery schools and children's centres)	Scale 2/3	£16,482-£18,592	Senior Nursery Officer (nursery schools and children's centres)	Scale 5	£21,375-£23,277
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Public	9754	31/05/2011	20/06/2011	Highway Maintenance	<p>Subject: Cost of regeneration of East Ham High Street</p> <p>I wanted to know how much the regeneration of East Ham High Street is costing the council.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The East Ham Town Centre project that is programmed for completion in the Summer of 2011 is fully funded by external capital funding from Transport for London (TfL) to a value of £3.56 million.</p> <p>The budget allocation was approved at Cabinet on 21 October 2010, with £600,000 being available in 2010/11, and a further £3.1 million in 2011/12; making a project total of £3.7 million. However the budget was reduced to a total of £3.56 million. The main part of the reduction was due to the Comprehensive Spending Review with a revised allocation of £500,000 in 2010/11.</p> <p>The new highways resurfacing and related measures which are currently being implemented on High Street North, along with new street lighting and CCTV equipment will cost in the order of £2.4 million. The remaining budget of £1.16 million will be used to fund and implement items such as surveys, soft landscaping / plants, legal traffic orders, project design and construction supervision.</p> <p>Prior to work starting on the project, in conjunction with talks with the Council, TfL carried out an economic appraisal of the proposed East Ham Town Centre project to ensure that the scheme was value for money. The TfL appraisal indicated that the funding was appropriate for the proposed works. The project is currently progressing on target and within budget for completion in Summer 2011. The East Ham Town Centre project has the ongoing support of TfL and The Mayor of Newham.</p>
Public	9789	03/06/2011	20/06/2011	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject: Planning permission for 41a Cramner Road</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the decision notice and delegated</p>

					<p>1. Advise, as per its Procedure, when Planning Permission is granted</p> <p>2. Provide me with the decision-making documentation for this particular planning consent</p>	<p>report.</p> <p>(notice and report attached)</p>
Public	9806	07/06/2011	20/06/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Organisational Structure</p> <p>Can you please provide me with an Organisational Structure of your Occupational Therapy Department and who the Management are.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold the information requested as this service is provided by Health Management Limited. You may wish to contact Health Management Limited directly to obtain this information.</p> <p>It may be helpful to know that Health Management Ltd are not governed by the Freedom of Information Act and would not have the same obligation for transparency as the Council does. However, you may find the following weblink useful to obtain information about limited companies: http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/</p>
Political	9711	23/05/2011	21/06/2011	Disabled People & Young People Service	<p>Summary: Spend on deaf children</p> <p>1. The total spend by the Council on the provision of support for deaf children in the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial year.</p> <p>2. The number of specialist staff employed or funded by the Council to provide support to deaf children as at 5 April 2010 and 4 April 2011 (full time equivalent).</p> <p>3. The number of school-age children</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. In 2009-10, Newham Council spent £1,593,231.00 on the provision of support for deaf children. In 2010-11 a total of £1,517,442.00 was spent.</p> <p>2. In 2009-10 there were approximately 28.9 FTE staff employed to provide support. In 2010-11 there were also 28.9 FTE staff employed.</p> <p>3. As of 4th April 2011 there were 238 children registered as requiring specialist deaf services.</p> <p>4. The budget allocated for 2011/12 is £1,535, 985.00.</p>

					<p>registered as requiring specialist deaf services as at 4 April 2011.</p> <p>4. The budget allocated for the provision of specialist deaf services in the 2011/12 financial year.</p> <p>5. The projected number of specialist staff employed or funded by the Council to provide support to deaf children as at 2 April 2012 (full time equivalent).</p> <p>6. The projected number of registered as requiring specialist deaf services as at 4 April 2011.</p>	<p>5. Information not held.</p> <p>6. Information not held.</p>
Political	9708	23/05/2011	21/06/2011	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: School lunch spending</p> <p>Please provide me with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The total net spend by the Council on the provision and subsidy of school meals in the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial years. •The projected net spend by the Council on the provision and subsidy of school meals in the 2011/12 financial year. •The weekly price charged to parents for the provision of school meals over a typical 5-day week as at 5 April 2010 and 4 April 2011. •The projected weekly price charged to parents for the provision of school 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. With effect from September 2009 Newham has participated in a government pilot scheme to offer free school meals to all pupils in primary schools. This has required funding by Newham council of £1,514,940 in 2009-10 and £3,116,089 in 2010-11. Funding for this pilot from central government has now ended however Newham Council has decided, on the basis of evidence that the pilot was successful, to continue to offer free school meals for all primary pupils wholly funded by the council.</p> <p>2. £5,429,000</p> <p>3. Primary: Nil Secondary: £8.50 in both April 2010 and 2011.</p> <p>4.</p>

					meals over a typical 5-day week as at 2 April 2012. •Details of any significant change to the provision of school meals since the abolition of the ring fenced School Lunch Grant.	Primary: Nil Secondary: £9 5. The Council now fully pays for an equivalent service.
Political	9709	23/05/2011	21/06/2011	CYPS - Learning Transformation	<p>Summary: Spend on Speech and language therapy</p> <p>1. The total spend by the Council on the provision of speech and language therapy in the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial year.</p> <p>2. The number of speech and language therapists employed by the Council as at 5 April 2010 and 4 April 2011 (full time equivalent).</p> <p>3. The number of 0-25 year olds registered as receiving speech and language therapy as at 4 April 2011.</p> <p>4. The budget allocated for the provision of speech and language therapy services in the 2011/12 financial year.</p> <p>5. The projected number of speech and language therapists employed by the Council as at 2 April 2012 (full time equivalent).</p> <p>6. The projected number of 0-25 year olds registered as receiving speech and</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please note that the majority of speech and language therapy (SLT) provisions is the responsibility of Newham NHS/ PCT, therefore you may find it more helpful to contact them directly for further information.</p> <p>1. 2009/10 - £455,018 2010/11 - £310,297</p> <p>2. 5 April 2010 - 7.2 (whole time equivalent) 4 April 2011 - 5.2 (whole time equivalent)</p> <p>3. The total receiving SLT services as of 31/05/2011 is 282. This figure does not include those receiving support from Newham NHS.</p> <p>4. £263,025</p> <p>5. We are unable to confirm this at present. You may wish to contact us later in the year when we may have finalised this.</p> <p>6. The answer is the same as in question 3. However, if you are seeking a projected number for April 2012 instead, we are not able to confirm this at present.</p>

					language therapy as at 4 April 2011.	
Political	9710	23/05/2011	21/06/2011	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p>Subject: Spend on Educational Psychologist</p> <p>1. The total spend by the Council on the provision of Educational Psychologist services in the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial year.</p> <p>2. The number of Educational Psychologists employed by the Council as at 5 April 2010 and 4 April 2011 (full time equivalent).</p> <p>3. The number of 0-25 year olds registered as having received services delivered by an Educational Psychologist in the 2010/11 financial year.</p> <p>4. The budget allocated for the provision of Educational Psychologist services in the 2011/12 financial year.</p> <p>5. The projected number of Educational Psychologists employed by the Council as at 2 April 2012 (full time equivalent).</p> <p>6. The projected number of 0-25 year olds to receive services delivered by an Educational Psychologist in the 2011/12 financial year.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. 2009/10 - £664,178.15 2010/11 - £550,126.20</p> <p>2. 5th April 2010 - 8.3 (full time equivalent) 4th April 2011 - 7.8 (full time equivalent) (the above is excluding additional temporary staff)</p> <p>3. 269</p> <p>4. £528,200</p> <p>5. We are unable to confirm this at present. You may wish to contact us later in the year where we may have finalised this.</p> <p>6. The figure is dependent on factors such as statutory assessments; however we estimate approximately 200-300 children.</p>

Political	9706	23/05/2011	21/06/2011	DP - CYPS Social care	<p>Subject: Sure Start</p> <p>Please provide me with details of any and all communication (verbal, written or electronic) between Ministers or Special Advisers at the Department for Education and members or officers of the Council relating to the future of Sure Start Children's Centres provided or funded by the Council.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There has been no communication by Ministers or Special Advisers at the Department for Education regarding the future of children's centres provided or funded by the Council.</p>
Political	9707	23/05/2011	21/06/2011	DP - CYPS Social care	<p>Subject: Sure start</p> <p>Please provide me with the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total revenue spend by the Council on Sure Start Children's Centres in the 2010/11 financial year (this should not include capital spend). 2. The number of Sure Start Children's Centres operated or funded by the Council as at 4 April 2011. 3. The number of staff employed in Sure Start Children's Centres within the local authority as at 4 April 2011. 4. The number of qualified teachers employed to work in Sure Start Children's Centres within the local authority as at 4 April 2011. 5. The revenue allocated by the Council for the operation and funding of Sure Start Children's Centres in the 2011/12 financial year. 6. The projected number of Sure Start Children's Centres which will be 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £9,295,231 (figure allows for vacancies, etc). 2. 20 centres and 4 outreach centres. 3. 151 (including school based and voluntary sector centres). 4. 14. 5. £9.7 million. 6. 20 centres and 4 outreach centres. 7. 164 (including school based and voluntary sector centres). 8. 14. 9. £9.7 million.

					<p>operated or funded by the Council as at 2 April 2012.</p> <p>7. The projected number of staff to be employed in Sure Start Children's Centres within the local authority as at 2 April 2012.</p> <p>8. The projected number of qualified teachers to be employed to work in Sure Start Children's Centres within the local authority as at 2 April 2012.</p> <p>9. The projected revenue allocation for the operation and funding of Sure Start Children's Centres in the 2012/13 financial year, based on the most recent estimate.</p>	
Business	9715	25/05/2011	21/06/2011	ICT	<p>Subject: Head of ICT</p> <p>Please can you provide me with the following details of the person in charge of IT e.g. Head of ICT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name 2. Job title 3. Email address 4. Also confirm if IT support is provided internally or outsourced. 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geoff Connell. 2. Divisional Director ICT (Acting). 3. Geoff.connell@newham.gov.uk 4. IT support is provided internally.
Organisation	9716	26/05/2011	21/06/2011	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Summary: Housing discretionary payments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the details of criteria for allocating housing discretionary payments? 2. Have the criteria for allocating these benefits changed given housing benefit 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) The basic criteria for receiving Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) is that the individual making the claim is entitled to the minimum weekly amount of Housing Benefits or Council Tax Benefits (£0.50 and £0.01 respectively) and appears to the authority to require further financial assistance with their housing costs.</p>

					<p>reform and the introduction of the cap? 3. Will people affected by the cap be able to use this to pay for a shortfall? 4. Are your policies sensitive to HIV positive persons?</p>	<p>Certain housing costs such as costs that are ineligible for Housing Benefit (charges for care, support and other services such as heating and lighting of the individual's property) cannot be met through DHP. This gives the authority relatively wide discretion on who may be entitled to DHP. The current local policy objective in allocating these monies is to prevent homelessness though the fund remains open to all claimants meeting the basic eligibility criteria.</p> <p>2) We believe that the current policy objectives will assist with managing the impact of the changes to Housing Benefit though our allocation for 2011/12 is only marginally increased on 2010/11.</p> <p>3) The caps applied to the level of Housing Benefit for each property size do not have a direct impact on claimants in the borough as our rents have always been below these levels. The cap on the size of property to 4-bedroom will impact on a small number of households who have a contractual rent above the level of LHA for 4-bedrooms after any period of transitional protection. Households such as these could apply for a DHP to assist with any shortfall though an award would not be guaranteed for that reason alone.</p> <p>4) As mentioned above the fund remains open to all who meet the basic eligibility criteria and each case is considered on its merits. In considering making an award, any medical or health conditions of the claimant or anyone else in the household will be taken into account.</p>
Solicitors	9719	26/05/2011	21/06/2011	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Day centres</p> <p>We write to request details of your plans for the proposed closure of the</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>A Planning Group has been established to co-ordinate closure of the Greenhill Centre by September 2010 and</p>

					<p>Green Hill day care centre or any other centres in the borough.</p>	<p>ensure that Greenhill users have access to alternative arrangements.</p> <p>In line with Putting People First and Right to Control, Greenhill users' needs are being reviewed, personal budgets offered and assistance provided with support planning. In addition, choices are on offer for those who prefer a managed service and advocacy support is available. Access issues in the community are being addressed.</p> <p>A small day centre for older people is being re-provided to allow consolidation of provision for older people.</p>
Public	9717	26/05/2011	21/06/2011	Financial Services	<p>Summary: Budget for general reserve</p> <p>1) Please provide your council's general reserve minimum limit as budgeted for 2011-12 (this is also likely to be contained in your Council's financial strategy) expressed:</p> <p>a. As a percentage of the Council's overall net revenue expenditure (if this is a range, for example from 5%-10%, please select lowest amount possible).</p> <p>b. In cash terms, please provide correspondence between the auditor and CFO if you feel this would explain the decision reached</p> <p>2) Has the Council's general reserve minimum limit as a percentage of the council's overall net revenue expenditure changed in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11; 2009-10 or 2008-09?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There is no fixed statutory level of reserves. However, draft Audit Commission guidance was that General Reserves should be 5% of annual operating expenditure. Although this guideline was not formally adopted, it is used as benchmark for measuring the adequacy of reserves. For the Council's General Fund this amounts to around £14.6 million at current budget levels.</p> <p>2. No</p>

					<p>a. Please specify “yes” or “no” b. If the answer to the above question is “yes” please clarify what the general reserve minimum limit in the years specified.</p>	
Solicitors	9759	31/05/2011	21/06/2011	Environment Health	<p>Summary: Lease of 60-62 Green Street, Forest Gate, London E7 ('the premises')</p> <p>We understand that the Newham Environmental Health Department carried out enforcement proceedings whereby the premises was closed down. We would be obliged if you could provide us with disclosure as to the grounds the premises was investigated under and the reasons as to why the premises was closed down.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold the information requested.</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham’s Environmental Health section only served notice under food hygiene legislation, by way of a Hygiene Improvement Notice on 31/10/09, however this did not lead to closure.</p> <p>Should you have any further information then please provide us with this so that we may investigate further.</p>
Public	9424	14/04/2011	22/06/2011	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Building/ construction projects costing over £1,000,000</p> <p>Can you please provide me with the following information: Building/ construction projects costing over £1,000,000</p> <p>- The name of any building or construction projects currently underway or due to start by the end of 2012 which either have a total cost of over £1,000,000 or are part of the Primary Capital Programme regardless of cost.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see my email below to which I have received no response. Please find attached the information we have collated regarding school projects, I hope this is satisfactory. If you do require any further information please feel free to submit a new request using our online form.</p> <p>Please see attached spreadsheet which provides details of projects currently underway.</p> <p>Please note that the cost of projects are met by Central Government funding, however Newham Council has contributed the following amounts to the following</p>

					<p>- The total cost of each of these projects and how much of this cost is being met by council funding rather than from external sources such as charities, central government, etc.</p> <p>- The start date (or estimated start date if not yet underway) and estimated completion date for these projects.</p> <p>- The name of the operators which the council has selected as architect and contractor for each project. If this decision has not yet been decided, then please provide an estimated date when this decision will be made in each case.</p>	<p>projects:</p> <p>Brampton Primary: £50,000. Vicarage Primary: £70,000. Ellen Wilkinson Primary: £100,000. Nelson Primary: £150,000.</p> <p>Please see below link to published report on the schools capital programme that is to be considered on 26 May 2011 by Cabinet. This includes the appendix of projects expected to be approved and started by 2012.</p> <p>http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=294&MIId=7871&Ver=4</p>
Public	9979	13/06/2011	22/06/2011	Newham Homes	<p>Subject: Request for Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) for Brocklebank house</p> <p>A request for the fire risk assessment for Brocklebank House.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached as requested.</p> <p>We have removed some names under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as personal details; including names of individuals are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's or local authority staff would expect their details to be made available in the public domain without their consent.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of</p>

						<p>the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>(attachment enclosed)</p>
Solicitors	9875	19/05/2011	24/06/2011	Legal Services	<p>Subject: Documents relating to Aspers</p> <p>Provide us with all documentation listed in the attached schedule, in a complete and unredacted form;</p> <p>to confirm what documents exist within the categories of documents requested, where this is unclear; and</p> <p>provide us with any other documents there may be, as set out in CPR Rule 31</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached response, with attachments, to your further request for information under FoI.</p>
Media	9596	13/05/2011	27/06/2011	Communications/Press office/publicity	<p>Subject: Publicity Account</p> <p>1. In Newham Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010 (page 47, note 8) under "Publicity Account" it is disclosed Newham Borough Council's spending on Publicity rose by £1,168,000 from £3,896,000 in 2008/09 to £5,564,000 in 2009/10. Please could you give a reason for the rise ?</p> <p>2. Please could you give me a</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Newham centralised a greater number of departments under the banner of communications so the total spend was calculated differently. Also more work was required to reach out to communities and attract inward investment by promoting Newham externally, particularly in the light of substantial regeneration in the area including the Olympic Games.</p> <p>2. Central Communications - £781,037 Elections - £10,617</p>

					breakdown of the figure disclosed under "Other publicity material" £2,074,000 in the same accounts as above in Question 1 (See Newham Accounts 2009/20 Page47, note 8) ?	<p>Newham Mag - £529,781 New Deal for Communities - £53,324 Regeneration, Planning, Property - £151,563 Leisure and Customer Services - £6,369 CYPS - £319,615 Community Safety - £3,745 Tourism - £212,898 Housing Revenue Account - £5,442</p> <p>Total - £2,074,391,000</p>
Media	9748	27/05/2011	27/06/2011	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Council house and social housing tenants earning high salaries</p> <p>1. The number of current tenants earning between £50,000-a-year and £99,999-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.</p> <p>2. The number of current tenants earning between £100,000-a-year and £149,999-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.</p> <p>3. The number of current tenants earning between £150,000-a-year and £199,999-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.</p> <p>4. The number of current tenants</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>This information is not held in the format requested.</p> <p>However, please see below link to the Council's recent Strategic Housing Market Assessment which contains data on average household income levels by tenure (page 62).</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/LDFevidencebase.htm.</p>

					<p>earning more than £200,000-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.</p> <p>5. A copy of your most recent housing needs survey that contains data on salaries of tenants.</p>	
Organisation	9837	08/06/2011	27/06/2011	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Information regarding wireless communications and highways</p> <p>1. How many of the following are within the control of your Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lampposts • Traffic lights • Road traffic lights • Bus shelter <p>2. If the Council does not control any of the above, please identify who does?</p> <p>3. Is it within the power of the Local Authority to grant rights for wireless communications in its city centres using street lighting and furniture? If not, who does have the power to grant these right?</p> <p>4. What rights have been granted for the development for the redeployment of wireless services in your city centres using street lighting and street furniture that is controlled by the Local</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. • Street lampposts (approx. 17,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic lights (we do not hold this information, you may wish to contact TfL directly to obtain this data) • Road traffic lights (we do not hold this information, you may wish to contact TfL directly to obtain this data) • Bus shelter (we do not hold this information, you may wish to contact London Buses directly to obtain this data) <p>2. As above.</p> <p>3. Yes.</p> <p>4. (a) None, however we have installed our own wireless network for rapid deployment of CCTV (b) The system is un-licenced Point to Multi-Point (5.4/5.8 Ghz)</p> <p>5. Geoff Connell, Divisional Director for ICT (Acting), email: Geoff.connell@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>6. At present there are no current plans for this.</p> <p>7. (a) none at present (b) none at present</p>

				<p>Authority? (a) To whom have they been granted? (b) Where right have been granted, please provide details of the spectrum and type of technology</p> <p>5. Who in your organisation is responsible for the internal wireless communications strategy and what are their contact details?</p> <p>6. Is the Local Authority planning to develop wireless communications/ broadband capability in its city centres and/ or any other area for the benefit of the community? (a) If yes, who in the authority is responsible for this and what are their contact details?</p> <p>7. Is there any initiative in your area to offer: (a) Mobile broadband (b) Fixed broadband service to the community, allowing everyone to have access to the internet? If so, who is responsible for this project and what are their contact details?</p> <p>8. What consents would be required to install telecom equipment (wireless of cellular) on street lighting columns, road signage, traffic signals and other street furniture controlled by the Local Authority?</p>	<p>8. You can contact the Divisional Director for ICT and Head of Asset Maintenance.</p> <p>9. No</p>
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					<p>9. Is the installation and maintenance of street lighting and street furniture controlled by any other party, such as PHI partnership? (a) If yes, please identify the body and provide contact details</p>	
Public	10003	23/06/2011	27/06/2011	Business Rates	<p>Subject: Rateable value of empty commercial properties</p> <p>1. The addresses and brief description (e.g. shop, warehouse, office, etc.) and rateable value of all 'empty' commercial premises with a current rateable value over £40,000 within the Newham London Borough Council area.</p> <p>and</p> <p>2. The names and addresses of the organisations or companies who are liable to pay rates at those premises referred to in (1).</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>For section (a) It is our view that Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 also applies to this request. This section provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would prejudice the “prevention or detection of crime”. Putting the addresses of empty properties within the London Borough of Newham into the public domain would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and would prejudice the objectives of preventing criminal behaviour. We consider there is a significant risk that releasing details of empty properties might lead to burglary, arson or squatting. Within the Borough there have been occasions when fires have been set in empty properties. There is also known use of such empty properties to commit benefit fraud, identity fraud and money laundering.</p> <p>In answer to (b) we have decided to refuse disclosure of this information under section 41 and 40(2).</p> <p>Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:</p>

						<p>“41. (1) Information is exempt information if – (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p> <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>Furthermore, in instances where the owners of companies are individuals we would apply Section 40, as disclosure would result in the identification of individuals. Third party personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p>
Media	9744	31/05/2011	28/06/2011	Cemetery / Mortuary	<p>Subject: Decoration of burial sites</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with copies of any guidance produced by your council since 1st January 2008 regarding the "decoration" of burial</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached extracts from the rules and regulations of the cemetery 2007 (updated 2010), which state both the conduct expected of those visiting the cemetery and guidance on what is not allowed to be placed on graves. In the children’s area we do allow a little more latitude, for</p>

					<p>sites in your cemeteries by relatives and friends of the deceased. Please also include any guidance which exists from the same period which deals with what behaviour / practices / activities are acceptable for those visiting graves.</p> <p>To clarify, I am interested in finding out whether you have given advice on what decoration and behaviour is acceptable in your graveyards and what is not.</p> <p>Please could you also tell me if you have removed - or requested to have removed - any decorations from burial sites since 1st January 2008. If so, please can you describe the items.</p>	<p>example balloons, lights and wind chimes are allowed.</p> <p>We do not hold the information requested regarding items removed, however this would be very minimal as the majority of the grave owners respect the attached rules.</p>
Public	9755	31/05/2011	28/06/2011	Public Health, Safety & Licensing	<p>Subject: License for live venues</p> <p>I would like to make a request for a list of all the places in your area that hold a license for live venues please. For example, Pubs, Restaurants, clubs, etc</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached report which shows all issued licences with the following permitted activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entertainment Similar to Live Music - Performance of Live Music <p>(report attached)</p>
Public	9757	31/05/2011	28/06/2011	Lettings Agency	<p>Subject: Council properties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people are currently on London Borough of Newham's Housing List? 2. What is the average waiting time for 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approximately 30,000. 2. Please see below table of average waiting time for general housing.

				<p>people on the Housing List in London Borough of Newham in each Band?</p> <p>3. How many council properties have been built in the past year in London Borough of Newham?</p> <p>4. How many council properties in London Borough of Newham are currently empty?</p> <p>5. How many prosecutions have there been of private landlords in London Borough of Newham in the past 3 years?</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td> Bedsit</td> <td> 1 Bedroom</td> <td> 2 Bedrooms</td> <td> 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bedrooms</td> <td></td> <td> 4 Bedrooms</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Houses</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>And</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bungalows</td> <td>none let</td> <td>12 years 5 months*</td> <td></td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>years 4 months</td> <td>12 years 10 months</td> <td>15 years 5 months</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ground floor</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flats & Maisonettes</td> <td></td> <td>10 years 4 months</td> <td></td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>years 9 years 9 months</td> <td>11 years 11 months</td> <td></td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>years 8 months**</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st to 3rd floor</td> <td>Flats & Maisonettes</td> <td>8 years</td> <td>9 years 9 months</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>9 years 2 months</td> <td>10 years 9 months</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Years*</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th floor and above</td> <td>Flats & Maisonettes</td> <td>7 years 5 months</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>8 years 9 month</td> <td>8 years</td> <td>9 years 8 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Years</td> <td></td> <td>6 month</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>3. Zero.</p> <p>4. For 2009-2010 there were 288 properties vacant. This information is sent to the CLG who annually publish this information on their CLG website, which can be accessible via the following link (click on 'Statistical Release'): http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/localauthorityhousing/dataforms/hssa0910/bpsadata200910/</p> <p>Please note, the data for 2010-2011 will be published in November and made available on the CLG website.</p> <p>5. The information you have requested is not held centrally and to provide you with this information would require an officer to trawl through a number of individual files, which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p>		Bedsit	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3	Bedrooms		4 Bedrooms			Houses					And					Bungalows	none let	12 years 5 months*		12		years 4 months	12 years 10 months	15 years 5 months		Ground floor					Flats & Maisonettes		10 years 4 months		11		years 9 years 9 months	11 years 11 months		16		years 8 months**				1st to 3rd floor	Flats & Maisonettes	8 years	9 years 9 months	9			9 years 2 months	10 years 9 months	13	Years*					4th floor and above	Flats & Maisonettes	7 years 5 months					8 years 9 month	8 years	9 years 8 months	Years		6 month		
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Public	9764	31/05/2011	28/06/2011	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject: West Ham Loan</p> <p>Who will be responsible for determining the length of the loan?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Any loan is not to West Ham but to a Special Purpose Vehicle formed by West Ham and the Council.</p> <p>Please find below an extract from the published minutes of Full Council of 20th January 2011 (or full minutes of the meeting are available on the website: http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=295&MIId=8375&Ver=4) which provides full details on this point.</p> <p>1. to give delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources and the Divisional Director of Legal, Democratic and Human Resources, to submit, on behalf of the Council, as joint bidder with West Ham, the "final offer" to the OPLC on the basis of the terms set out in the report; and authority to make such changes as he considers appropriate to the terms, provided that such changes do not create a</p>

						<p>significant increased risk to the Council in respect of either the community benefits or ensuring that repayments are made to the Council's loan;</p> <p>2. that the Council should provide for a repayable loan of up to £40m in its Budget Strategy for a loan to the Stadium Company (SPV) in 2011/12 and repaid over a maximum of 25 years, based on the terms set out in the report and with no negative impact on the Council's resources and no impact on the Council's ability to draw on other funding;</p> <p>The provision of the loan is subject to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources and the Divisional Director of Legal, and deciding that the following terms have been satisfied:</p> <p>a) That the owners of West Ham United (WHU) enter into a guarantee with the Council;</p> <p>b) satisfactory conclusion on the loan agreements between the SPV and Newham;</p> <p>c) agreement on the details of the proposed terms and conditions of the lease from the OPLC;</p> <p>d) Agreement of the SPV-WHU heads of terms;</p> <p>e) The receipt of satisfactory financial and legal due diligence reports.</p>
Business	9752	31/05/2011	28/06/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Staff numbers</p> <p>1. Staff numbers for the following services on or around the 31st March 2011</p> <p>- Building Control</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see staff numbers (full time equivalent) for the following services:</p> <p>Building Control: 21 (21 FTE)</p>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development Control - Food Safety - Environmental Health <p>The attached .pdf document gives further detail of the information requested.</p>	<p>Development Control: 23 (21.2 FTE) Food Safety: 11 (10.7 FTE) Commercial Health and Safety: 9 (9 FTE) Trading Standards: 9 (9 FTE) Licensing: 8 (8 FTE) Environmental Health: 47 (43.8 FTE)</p> <p>2. The total number of fee earning Building Regulation applications including Full plans, Building Notices and Regularisations in the year 2010/11 was 1430.</p>
Media	9756	31/05/2011	28/06/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Sick days</p> <p>Could you please provide me with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total number of full time and part time staff employed by the council in the 2010/11 financial year. 2. The total number of sick days taken by full time and part time staff employed by the council in the 2010/11 financial year. 3. The total number of full time and part time staff that had more than six months off sick in the 2010/11 financial year. 4. The total number of full time and part time staff that are currently off sick and have been off between a year and two years. 5. The total number of full time and part time staff that are currently off sick and have been off between two years and five years. 6. The total number of full time and part time staff that are currently off 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 12,223 employees (including school employees). 2. 92,309 days. 3. 52 employees. 4. 7 employees. 5. 0. 6. 0.

					sick and have been off for more than five years.	
Solicitors	9779	02/06/2011	28/06/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Resources Director</p> <p>We are writing in relation to the appointment of a Resource Director last month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was he appointed? 2. How much salary does he receive? 3. What is the reason for his appointment in this post? 4. Who was the previous director of this post? 5. Where did you advertise for this post? 6. Did you have a selection criterion in place? 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The appointment was made to the successful candidate to a position that is due to become vacant. 2. The successful candidate has not yet commenced employment. The salary however will be £137,424.00 per annum. 3. The person appointed was deemed by the appointment panel to be the most suitable candidate for the role. 4. Mr Bob Heaton is the current post holder (Executive Director of Resources). 5. The post was advertised via London Borough of Newham website and via an external recruitment agency. 6. Yes and this was a member level appointment.
Public	9765	01/06/2011	29/06/2011	ICT	<p>Subject: ICT support team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the LA have an ICT support team for eLearning, management information & similar systems running within your schools. 2. What is this team called? 3. How many are employed for the team? 4. Who heads the team and what are his/her contact details (mail, telephone and email)? 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Local Authority has a Traded Service which provides support for these areas of Education ICT. 2. The School ICT Support Service. 3. 42. 4. Group Manager School ICT Support, itass.admin@newham.gov.uk

					<p>5. What was/is the overall budget in 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 for this team?</p> <p>6. What are the main income streams for the team?</p> <p>7. What are the key supplier income streams and annual amounts from those suppliers, broken down by supplier for years 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and predicted for 2011/12.</p> <p>8. If school support staff were TUPed to a private company in the last 2 to 4 years, provide details for questions 3 to 7 for the 3 years run up until the TUPE transfer.</p>	<p>5. As a Traded Service, there is no budget provided to run this team.</p> <p>6. Buy-back through Service Level Agreements with LA schools, schools outside the LA and additional chargeable services provided to other areas of the Council and schools.</p> <p>7. None.</p> <p>8. None.</p>
Public	9768	01/06/2011	29/06/2011	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Social media</p> <p>1. Please provide any details of social media courses or training provided to council staff in the last two years. Please include the following details: number of staff trained, time taken to complete course/training, total cost of course/training. Please also provide the name of the company that provided the training as well as a brief description of what the process involved.</p> <p>2. Please also provide details of any staff members with a special responsibility for social media included in their job role. Please include their salary and date of appointment.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There are no members of staff who have attended social media courses or training.</p> <p>2. There are no members of staff who have special responsibility for social media in their job role. However, the Council is considering ways in which social media can be incorporated into our communication platforms in order to achieve cost effective communications with residents.</p>

Public	9767	01/06/2011	29/06/2011	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Housing Benefit</p> <p>1) Can you please list all hotels used as accommodation by people claiming housing benefits in 2009, 2010 and 2011?</p> <p>2) Can you also provide the overall cost and duration of the claimants stay in each instance?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached a list which includes the property used and total benefits paid. Please note, as our system is not able to provide information in the exact format requested, we have included the total number of households in all hotels.</p> <p>Furthermore, we have provided an average length of stay for all households, rather than detailing every household's length of stay to avoid identification of individuals in line with Section 40(2) which is protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham. We do not believe that private individual's or local authority staff would expect their details to be made available in the public domain without their consent.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>Following a recent ICT upgrade to our Benefits systems, we are unable to produce data for 2011 at present, however have supplied information for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. Should you wish to contact us at a later date for this information, we will endeavour to adhere to your request then.</p> <p>(list attached)</p>
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Media	9720	27/05/2011	30/06/2011	Finance	<p>Subject: GPC Visa purchasing cards</p> <p>I am requesting a copy of transaction data held by the authority through Management Information systems showing basic/Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 data for all cards over a period of six years.</p> <p>More specifically I am requesting the following:</p> <p>1. a) For the year 2010/11, the total amount spent using GPC Visa purchasing cards. 1. b) A copy of the Management Information data for each card showing the highest level of data held, from Basic/Level 1, Standard/Level 2 or Enhanced/Level 3, to provide details of all transactions.</p> <p>2.a) and b) The same for 2009/10</p> <p>3.a) and b) The same for 2008/09</p> <p>4.a) and b) The same for 2007/08</p> <p>5.a) and b) The same for 2006/07</p> <p>6.a) and b) The same for 2005/06</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The data regarding 2005/06 to 2008/09 is stored on an archived database, however due to a change of software providers we are no longer able to manipulate the data and therefore to retrieve this information would require an officer to trawl through all records, which will exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>We are able to provide you with the total spend and number of transactions for 2009/10 to 2010/11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Spend for 2009/10 was £2,546,651.23 - 21,766 transactions without line item detail. • Total Spend for 2010/11 was £2,214,479.44 - 18,400 transactions without line item detail. <p>However, to provide line item detail as requested would exceed the appropriate time limit. As mentioned above an officer would have to trawl through a vast number of records to retrieve this information.</p>
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Public	9782	03/06/2011	30/06/2011	DP Libraries	<p>Subject: Visitors to Libraries</p> <p>Please can you send me the visitor and issue figures for each of your libraries for 2010-11?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Library/Service</th> <th>Visitor numbers</th> <th>Items issued</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stratford</td> <td>468009</td> <td>209394</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Gate</td> <td>297029</td> <td>120552</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East Ham</td> <td>369252</td> <td>282691</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manor Park</td> <td>105135</td> <td>79431</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green Street</td> <td>285182</td> <td>140754</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plaistow</td> <td>104330</td> <td>59373</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canning Town</td> <td>103449</td> <td>57680</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Custom House</td> <td>53733</td> <td>33765</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beckton</td> <td>258783</td> <td>77784</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Woolwich</td> <td>47905</td> <td>16571</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home Round Service</td> <td>5889</td> <td>78928</td> </tr> <tr> <td>View Point</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>130274</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Call Point</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>30381</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-Books</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>863</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audio books</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>908</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Support services</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>2609</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Totals</td> <td>2098696</td> <td>1321958</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Library/Service	Visitor numbers	Items issued	Stratford	468009	209394	The Gate	297029	120552	East Ham	369252	282691	Manor Park	105135	79431	Green Street	285182	140754	Plaistow	104330	59373	Canning Town	103449	57680	Custom House	53733	33765	Beckton	258783	77784	North Woolwich	47905	16571	Home Round Service	5889	78928	View Point	N/A	130274	Call Point	N/A	30381	E-Books	N/A	863	Audio books	N/A	908	Support services	N/A	2609	Totals	2098696	1321958
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Media	9812	07/06/2011	30/06/2011	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p>Subject: Teachers and school workers employment terminated due to CRB check results</p> <p>I am looking for information on the number of teachers and school workers employed by the council whose employment was subsequently terminated following receipt of CRB check results. Specifically, could you please provide me with the following:</p> <p>1. a) The total number of teachers and</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1a) None b) N/A</p> <p>2 a) None b) N/A</p>																																																						

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Public	9862	09/06/2011	30/06/2011	Parking Design	<p>Subject: Traffic Management Orders for Manor Park CPZ</p> <p>Please supply a copy of any Traffic Management Orders or other Traffic Orders governing the Manor Park CPZ, and specifically Wentworth Road, made after THE NEWHAM (MANOR PARK) (PARKING PLACES) (SPECIAL PARKING AREA) (NO. 1) ORDER 2006.</p> <p>I already have a copy of that 2006 order, so I am only interested in orders which amend or supersede it in any way.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached as requested.</p> <p>(Documents attached)</p>
Public	9863	09/06/2011	30/06/2011	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Suspension of parking places</p> <p>Have any signs to indicate the suspension of parking places (or parts thereof) been specially authorised by the Secretary of State for use in Newham?</p> <p>For clarification, authorisation of this kind would be sought if a sign would not otherwise conform to the specifications prescribed in the Transport Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRDG).</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Parking bays are signed according to the sign plate and the required road markings as prescribed by parliament (TSRGD 2002), and outlined in the Traffic Management Orders (TMOs). The Council is permitted to suspend parking bays as outlined within the TMOs in order to facilitate works on or off the highway. By suspending parking bays and preventing certain types of vehicles from parking, the Council is allowed to outline the type of suspension and the duration of the suspension. There is no formal requirement for a sign type approval, as the Council needs to only inform motorists in a manner of a 'Notice'.</p> <p>The following extract should assist in these matters:</p> <p>- Chapter 3</p>

						<p>- Regulatory Signs - Traffic Signs Manual 2008</p> <p>Suspension of a Parking or Loading Bay 7.53: Where it is required to suspend a parking or loading bay, e.g. to enable works to be carried out, a temporary sign should be provided. These are not prescribed by the Regulations, other than for parking meters (see para 6.30), and guidance should therefore be sought from the Department.</p> <p>6.30: Where a parking meter is suspended, the sign to diagram 640.1 is used as a temporary cover. This may indicate a prohibition of waiting or a prohibition of both waiting and loading. Where the temporary prohibition applies only during the hours of operation of the parking meters within a meter zone, the legend “during meter control” is added. The words “No waiting” or “No unloading” are not prescribed and must not be used.</p> <p>(Published for the Department for Transport under licence from the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office © Crown copyright, 2008 Copyright in the typographical arrangement rests with the Crown.)</p>
Business	9866	10/06/2011	30/06/2011	PR & Marketing	<p>Subject: Policy on scanning, data capture, image capture and general management of incoming mail</p> <p>I am writing to request information on Newham Council's current policy on scanning, data capture, image capture and general management of incoming mail? Please can you provide a contact name for this area within the Authority.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The contact name is Mr Ian Gibbs, Head of Information Governance, email address: ian.gibbs@newham.gov.uk.</p>

Public	9872	10/06/2011	30/06/2011	Business Rates	<p>Subject: Rateable value greater than £170,000</p> <p>The number of Commercial/Industrial properties which have been empty for more than 3 months, with a current rateable value greater than £170,000 that are within the Borough Council area; and</p> <p>The names and addresses of the owners of those properties.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There are 26 empty properties with a rateable value greater than £170,000.</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>For section (a) It is our view that Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 also applies to this request. This section provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would prejudice the “prevention or detection of crime”. Putting the addresses of empty properties within the London Borough of Newham into the public domain would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and would prejudice the objectives of preventing criminal behaviour. We consider there is a significant risk that releasing details of empty properties might lead to burglary, arson or squatting. Within the Borough there have been occasions when fires have been set in empty properties. There is also known use of such empty properties to commit benefit fraud, identity fraud and money laundering.</p> <p>In answer to (b) we have decided to refuse disclosure of this information under section 41 and 40(2).</p> <p>Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:</p> <p>“41. (1) Information is exempt information if – (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and (b) the disclosure of the information to the public</p>
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						<p>(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>Furthermore, in instances where the owners of companies are individuals we would apply Section 40, as disclosure would result in the identification of individuals. Third party personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p>
Public	9878	10/06/2011	30/06/2011	Parking & Car Parks	<p>Subject: Resident Parking Permits</p> <p>Your resident parking permit application form (section 2) states where vehicle is hired/leased, Lease/hire agreement required.</p> <p>What format meets the criteria set and which would not. If a mandatory format applies who set the criteria and cite the legislation /delegated</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 Section 21 exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information.</p> <p>Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and</p>

					legislation/regulation (paragraph)which dictates stipulated format only sufficient to meet the criteria & no other form of proving identity of the parties and the validity of the agreement/transaction would comply.	as such there is no public interest test to apply. This information is available on the website via the following link: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2000/2546/schedule/2/made
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