

## Information Governance Report Responses to Requests

**Period:** 01.10.2014 to 31.10.2014

Sub Enquiry ID	Date Responded	Enquiry Details	Response Details
19896	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Composition of Council Tax Summons costs</b></p> <p>In 1997/98, Summons costs made up 0% (£0) of the total £33 charged to Council Tax payers in obtaining a Liability Order through the Magistrates Court.</p> <p>In 1998/99, Summons costs made up 0% (£0) of the total £40.75 charged to Council Tax payers in obtaining a Liability Order.</p> <p>In 2004/05, Summons costs made up 0% (£0) of the total £75 charged to Council Tax payers in obtaining a Liability Order.</p> <p>In 2005/06 the ratio of the costs changed with 21% of the total costs £95 being made up of the Summons costs (£20).</p> <p>In 2010/11 the ratio of the costs changed with 68% of the total costs £95 being made up of the Summons costs (£65).</p> <p>In 2012/13 the ratio of the costs changed with 35% of the total costs £115 being made up of the Summons costs (£40).</p> <p>Please supply, separately and in relation to each review of the summons and liability order costs charged to individual householders in respect of council tax covering the above period;</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>REVIEW RESPONSE</p> <p>I apologise for the delay in responding and the incorrect information you were initially given in respect of the application of Section 36.</p> <p>I have now had an opportunity to look at the response given to you and having consulted officers in Council Tax. I can confirm that no correspondence between the Council and Magistrates' Court is held in relation to the reviews. However, please find a link to the Officer Key Decision made on 27th May 2010 relating to the review of the level of charges for Council Tax summons and liability court costs applicable from 27th May 2010.  <a href="https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=839&amp;MID=7819#AI29654">https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=839&amp;MID=7819#AI29654</a></p> <p>Composition of Council Tax Summons costs Response</p> <p>Prior to 2003, London Borough of Croydon negotiated Council Tax Court fees with the Inner and Outer London Magistrates' Court Associations on behalf of all the London councils. The last amount set in 1998/99 was £40.75.</p> <p>1st April 2003, all London councils negotiated their own Council Tax Court Fees with the Magistrates' Courts. 14th January 2004, Newham Council agreed with Stratford Court that joint summons/liability order costs would increase to £75 from 1st April 2004. Prior to that date London councils paid the courts for the number of liability orders obtained on the hearing date and not the number of summonses applied for at the complaint stage.</p>

		<p>all information you hold to justify the changes, for example the reason for any change in composition of charges, and/or increases with calculations in support of the changes.</p> <p>Included in this information would be cabinet documents or similar that would have been necessary to propose the changes and subsequently agree and implement them.</p>	<p>1st April 2005, the Magistrates' courts became part of Her Majesty's Court Service and the structure for charging Council Tax Court fees changed. This meant that the London councils were charged for the number of summonses issued.</p> <p>1st April 2006, the Stratford Magistrates Court agreed with Newham Council to increase the costs to £95 to reflect the costs of administration. At the same time the weighting was split: summons costs £20 and liability order costs £75.</p> <p>There is no record held for the change in composition of charges for council tax summons and liability for the years 2006 to February 2010.</p> <p>On 12th February 2010, Stratford Magistrates' Court agreed with the Council to change the costs to £65 for a summons and £30 for a liability order. The changes made were to reflect the cost for each stage of the Council Tax Summonses process.</p> <p>In 2012/13 costs were not increased to £115 but were increased to £105 for the liability order costs. The key officer decision dated 17th April 2012 can be found at:</p> <p><a href="https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=839&amp;MIId=9458&amp;Ver=4">https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=839&amp;MIId=9458&amp;Ver=4</a></p>
20143	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Homelessness Expenditure</b></p> <p>What was the council's expenditure on homelessness in 2011, 2012 and 2013?          Could you include the amounts for:          Temporary accommodation          Re-settlement costs          Staff costs</p> <p>What is the council's planned expenditure on homelessness in 2014?          Could you include the amounts for:          Temporary accommodation          Re-settlement costs          Staff costs</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. What was the council's expenditure on homelessness in 2011, 2012 and 2013?          Could you include the amounts for:          Temporary accommodation          Re-settlement costs          Staff costs</p> <p>Please see the table below which details the expenditure on the requested headings.          Our data is recorded by financial year.</p> <p>Expenditure Heading</p>

Have you leased/purchased properties to house people within London but outside of your borough? If so, where?

I'd like details for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

Have you leased/purchased properties to house people outside of your borough and outside of your borough? If so where?

I'd like details for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

How many private landlords receive housing benefit payments from the council?

I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

How many housing benefit payments are made to private landlords?

I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

How many homeless families have you re-located in another local authority district?

I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

Could you tell me which boroughs or areas you have re-located homeless families in? Please could you give the name of the borough that families have been relocated to and the number of households re-located there.

I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

Year	Employee Related Costs	Resettlement Costs	Temporary Accommodation
2011/ 2012	2,952, 567.56	211, 464.85	38,421, 558.80
2012/ 2013	2,990, 830.61	174, 173.50	37,189, 222.41
2013/ 2014	3,029, 748.35	111, 408.94	34,143, 107.65

2. What is the council's planned expenditure on homelessness in 2014?

Could you include the amounts for:

Temporary accommodation

Re-settlement costs

Staff costs

Please see the table below which details the planned spend on the requested headings for the current financial year.

Expenditure Heading	2014/15
Employee Related Costs	3,200,700.00
Resettlement Costs	70,000.00
Temporary Accommodation	36,222,100.00

3. Have you leased/purchased properties to house people within London but outside of your borough? If so, where?

I'd like details for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 -

<b>Borough</b>	<b>2011 to 2012</b>	<b>2012 to 2013</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
L.B. of Barking and Dagenham	14	18	22
L.B. of Havering	2	2	4
L.B. of Redbridge	14	44	30
L.B. of Waltham Forest	16	2	18
<b>Grand Total</b>	62	26	88

The leasing of properties ceased after the end of 2012/13.

4. Have you leased/purchased properties to house people outside of your borough and outside of London? If so where?

I'd like details for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 –

We have not leased or purchased any properties outside of London.

5. How many private landlords receive housing benefit payments from the council?

I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

Please see the requested breakdown of private landlords receiving housing benefit payments for the current and past three financial years.

2011-2012	-	2,705
2012-2013	-	2,687

2013-2014 - 2,479  
 2014-2015 - 1,971 (partial year)

6. How many housing benefit payments are made to private landlords?  
 I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014-

Please see the total figures below for the number of housing benefit payments made each year to private landlords.

2011-2012- 70,740 Payments  
 2012-2013 - 75,586 Payments  
 2013-2014 -72,740 Payments  
 2014-2015 - 18,616 Payments (partial year)

7. How many homeless families have you re-located in another local authority district?  
 I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

Please see the table below which details the number of homeless families relocated to other local authorities for the requested years.

\*Please note the 2014 figures only represent partial year figures.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Homeless families relocated outside borough</b>
2011/12	305
2012/13	465
2013/14	624
2014/15	168

8. Could you tell me which boroughs or areas you have re-located homeless families in? Please

could you give the name of the borough that families have been relocated to and the number of households re-located there.

I'd like figures for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

Please see the table below which details the other local authorities were homeless families have reallocated to in the requested years.

\*Please note the 2014 figures only represent partial year figures.

Area	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15*
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Barking & Dagenham

81 2011/12

93 2012/13

92 2013/14

28 2014/15

Barnet

1 2011/12

4 2012/13

2 2013/14

Bexley

1 2011/12

2 2012/13

9 2013/14

Birmingham

20 2012/13

48 2013/14

11 2014/15

Brent

1 2012/13

1 2013/14

Bristol

1 2013/14

Bromley

20 2012/13

1 2013/14

Ealing

2 2012/13

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			1 2014/15 Hounslow 3 2012/13 4 2013/14 Lambeth 1 2013/14 Leicester 1 2013/14 Lewisham 2 2012/13 4 2013/14 Manchester 1 2013/14 Medway 2 2011/12 Middlesbrough 1 2012/13 Northampton 1 2012/13 Oldham 1 2012/13 Redbridge 131 2011/12 175 2012/13 187 2013/14 58 2014/15 Richmond Upon Thames 5 2012/13 Rother 1 2012/13 Southend on Sea 2 2013/14 Southwark 2 2013/14 Thurrock 4 2012/13
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			<p>2            2013/14  Tower Hamlets  2            2011/12  3            2012/13  2            2013/14  Walsall  1            2012/13  Waltham Forest  69          2011/12  70          2012/13  83          2013/14  24          2014/15  Welwyn Garden City  60          2011/12  10          2012/13  Wolverhampton  1            2012/13  Bradford  1            2013/14</p> <p>Total  305        2011/12  465        2012/13  624        2013/14  168        2014/15</p>
20396	23/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Housing Repairs Reports</b></p> <p>Please send me full reports of all surveys and assessments that have taken place regarding the joists and floors of the first floors of No's 70 &amp; 74 Vicarage Lane, EASTHAM, E6 6DG, in particular No 70, (joists between first floors of the above addresses and the ceilings of No 72, Vicarage Lane, EASTHAM, E6 6DG), for the dates between 1st October 2009 and 16th July 2014</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>We attach the inspection history for 70 Vicarage Lane, 72 Vicarage Lane and 74 Vicarage Lane from October 2009 to present.</p> <p>We attach the repair history for 70 Vicarage Lane, 72 Vicarage Lane and 74 Vicarage Lane from October 2009 to present.</p>

		<p>Also full reports of any remedial work that has been carried out on the first floor joists and ceilings of No's 70 &amp; 74, Vicarage Lane, EASTHAM, E6 6DG, and the party wall of No's 70 &amp; 74, Vicarage Lane, EASTHAM, E6 6DG, for the same period between 01.01.09 to 16.07.14</p> <p>Within the survey and assessments for the first floor joists and floors of No 70, Vicarage Lane, EASTHAM, E6 6DG, I would hope that the construction, materials and depths of joists and spaces, along with the construction of the ceiling in No 72, Vicarage Lane, EASTHAM, E6 6DG will also be included.</p>	
20415	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Lampposts &amp; Street Lights</b></p> <p>I request for data on where all functioning Lampposts/street lights are in your council. This would be useful in the form of CSV or excel spreadsheet especially if projected onto longitude &amp; latitude but if this is too much of an effort National Grid Geo coordinates can suffice. The purpose of this data is to help develop a mobile application as part of a community initiative that helps reduce crime rates by identifying the safest routes</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Review Response</p> <p>You requested information on where all functioning lampposts/street lights were in the London Borough of Newham in the form of CSV or excel spreadsheet, with either longitude or latitude or National Grid Geo coordinates. I note that the purpose of this data was to help you develop a mobile application as part of a community initiative that helps reduce crime rates by identifying the safest routes to walk.</p> <p>The Council responded by informing you that there were well over 17,000 lampposts in Newham and that our systems were unable to provide the information that you seek without significant preparatory work being undertaken by an ICT systems analyst. As this exercise would be resource intensive and exceed the time limit under FOI for this request, your request was refused.</p> <p>You however have subsequently contacted the Council requesting a review on the basis that</p>

		<p>to walk.</p>	<p>several councils have got back to you with the appropriate information and therefore you can not understand why the London Borough of Newham can not give you the appropriate data.</p> <p>As explained, the Council do not hold the data you have requested in an easily retrievable format and whilst the Council could probably create the information you have requested, it has no obligation to do so under the Freedom of Information Act, particularly as to do so would mean your request exceeding the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. As previously advised in this case such an exemption applies and therefore the Council are unable to satisfy your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>However, the Council recognises the benefit of holding and presenting information to the public of location of lampposts and streetlights and as part of a bigger project intends to map this information which will give the public information on the location of lights and give them the opportunity to report defective lights, etc. Once this project progress, the information and data you have specifically requested should be available.</p> <p>Lampposts &amp; Street Lights Response</p> <p>As you may appreciate there are well over 17,000 lampposts in Newham. Our systems are unable to provide the information that you seek without significant preparatory work being undertaken by an ICT systems analyst. Regrettably this exercise would be resource intensive and exceed the time limit under FOI for this request and could only be undertaken if you were willing to fund such work.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council can 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 are unable to satisfy your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>Section 12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit</p> <p>(1) Section 12(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 which in this case regrettably it would. If however you would wish to fund preparation of this information, please let us know and we can provide an estimate from which</p>
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			you will be able to make payment.
20490	07/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: School Absences</b></p> <p>Would you please answer the following three Freedom of Information questions:</p> <p>1. Please provide figures for the total number of fines issued because of unauthorised absence during school term time in your Local Authority area for the following academic years: 2011/2012, 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p> <p>2. Please provide figures for the total amount of money collected from the fines issued in question 1, again broken down by academic year for 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.</p> <p>3. Please also provide figures for the total number of school pupils (Reception year to Year 13) in maintained schools in your Local Authority area for the following academic years: 2011/2012, 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. Please provide figures for the total number of fines issued because of unauthorised absence during school term time in your Local Authority area for the following academic years: 2011/2012, 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p> <p>Newham's Penalty Notice Scheme has only been in operation since 2013. We therefore do not hold any information prior to this.</p> <p>Penalty Notices Issued 2012/2013 – 584 (partial year) Penalty Notices Issues 2013/2014 – 1813</p> <p>2. Please provide figures for the total amount of money collected from the fines issued in question 1, again broken down by academic year for 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.</p> <p>Penalty Notices – total of fines paid for 2012/2013 - £4,380.00 (partial year) Penalty Notices – total of fines paid for 2013/2014 - £55,140.00</p> <p>3. Please also provide figures for the total number of school pupils (Reception year to Year 13) in maintained schools in your Local Authority area for the following academic years: 2011/2012, 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p> <p>The following figures relate to the total number of pupils from Reception up to Year 13 in maintained schools, including special schools, pupil referral units, academies and free schools.</p> <p>2011/12 : 49,033 2012/13 : 50,161 2013/14 : 51,498</p>
20566	08/10/2014	<b>Subject: Grants to Foster and Adoptive Parents</b>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Review Response</p>

	<p>Please could you state how much your Council spent during the financial year 2013-2014 on EACH of the following</p> <p>1. Non-repayable grants to Foster Parents</p> <p>a. towards the purchase of bigger cars. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.</p> <p>b. towards the building of house extensions or the purchase of bigger houses. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.</p> <p>If recipients later cease fostering, are grants repayable, in full or in part, - or would they be if this situation hasn't yet arisen?</p> <p>1. Non-repayable grants to Adoptive Parents</p> <p>a. towards the purchase of bigger cars. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.</p> <p>b. towards the building of house extensions or the purchase of bigger houses. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.</p> <p>If after a grant has been received adopted children are returned to Local Authority care, or are removed, are grants repayable, in full or in part, - or would they be if this situation hasn't yet arisen?</p>	<p>I write following your recent request for a review of the Council's response to your enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>You asked for information relating to non-repayable grants to Adoptive Parents (b) towards the building of house extensions or the purchase of bigger houses. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.</p> <p>The Council refused this request on the basis that it would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham and therefore Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act was applied. You were concerned that the use of the exemption was a deliberate attempt to withhold the information.</p> <p>I have looked at your request and the response given to you and have concluded that the Council was correct to rely on Section 40. In considering this exemption we would not look at the nature of the information disclosed alone but also consider how the use of this information, coupled with additional information already available and in the public domain, could be joined together to identify the individuals to whom the request relates. We consider that by disclosing the amounts of grants and together with where you have requested elaboration on grants where they may have been received by more than one household, would effectively disclose the total amount funded to the individual recipients. In reaching this decision it was also considered that in the case of building extensions additional information which is publically available through planning application documentation, could result in the connection of information in the public domain which may identify the household/households involved.</p> <p>We conclude that disclosing the specific information you have requested could potentially result in the identification of households. We conclude that this potential for disclosure of third party personal data is exempt from said disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Release of this information 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 conclude that in the very specific nature of this request, coupled with additional information in the public domain, Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information act has been applied correctly.</p>
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			<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nil</li> <li>b. Nil</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nil</li> <li>b. 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 segment of your request.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>We would apply Section 40 as the numbers of adoptions per year are relatively small. The release of this information could potentially lead to identification of these individuals and breach of confidentiality and protection towards them. 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. This situation has not arisen. However should this situation arise in the future the grant will become repayable according to the number of outstanding years remaining on the grant up to five years.</li> </ol>
20584	10/10/2014	<p><b>SUBJECT: Council Tax Funding</b></p> <p>Pleas provide figures for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The amount of funding received by Newham Council for Council Tax Support in 2013/14</li> <li>- The actual expenditure by Newham Council on</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The amount of funding received by Newham Council for Council Tax Support in 2013/14 was £20,531,811.</p> <p>The expenditure by Newham Council on Council Tax Support in 2013/14 was £17,204,861. It is important to note that this sum will not represent the full expenditure of the Council Tax</p>

		<p>Council Tax Support in 2013/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The amount of funding received by Newham Council for Council Tax Support in 2014/15</li> <li>- The forecast expenditure by Newham Council on Council Tax Support in 2014/15</li> </ul>	<p>Support allocation for 2013/14. Additional expenditure is expected in the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 including Bad Debt Provision on these debts and costs incurred in collecting them. Any residual balance will be allocated through our general fund to related programmes such as the revised social fund and the Council's Life Changing Fund.</p> <p>We do not hold a specific total of funding for Council Tax Support for 2014/15. This funding is subsumed in the overall grant funding for the Council.</p> <p>The forecast expenditure by Newham Council on Council Tax Support in 2014/15 is expected to be £16,414,514.</p>
20609	03/11/2014	<p><b>Subject: Home Haemodialysis treatment for Newham Residents</b></p> <p>1) How many Newham Residents and Council Tenants between the years of 2010 to 2014 have been relocated to a suitable 2 bedroom property so that he/she could carry out Home Haemodialysis treatment? Without disclosing any individual names and addresses.</p> <p>2) How many were males?</p> <p>3) How many were females?</p> <p>4) What is the nationality of each of these individuals rehoused?</p> <p>5) Was each Newham resident rehoused and who had then gone on to carry out Home Haemodialysis, previously a named Newham tenant or residing with either family members or friends?</p> <p>6) Have any Newham tenants been subsequently referred on to and for example; to a Housing Association and been successfully rehoused in which to then carry out Home Haemodialysis?</p> <p>7) Name the Newham Housing Officers or individuals who are partially responsible for</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>We are unable to extract this information from our systems through any reporting tool available. In order to retrieve this information an officer would be required to manually trawl through each medical assessment received, or through all offers made for 2-bedroom properties since 2010 to see if it relates to Home Haemodialysis treated applicants. They would further be required to interrogate the housing files individually to be able to respond to the further questions asked. This manual exercise 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 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>making the important decision of rehousing Dialysis patients?</p> <p>8) Generally what housing status is awarded to Dialysis patients and other seriously ill residents when they apply to be added to the Choice Homes Letting listings?</p> <p>9) What are the reasoning's and decisions behind Newham Council re-housing some Dialysis patients and then refusing another?</p> <p>10) Who in turn are the above employee/s as in question number (7), then answerable to?</p> <p>11) What medical evidence is required when deciding to relocate a Dialysis patient to suitable accommodation?</p> <p>12) How much importance and relevance do you give to in-house assessments and reports, for example; Newham Occupational Therapist Reports and Community Care Assessments when they are added as supporting medical evidence with Medical Application Forms?</p> <p>13) What medical criteria is actually required and subsequently followed when deciding to relocate a Dialysis patient to suitable accommodation?</p> <p>14) If the final decision to rehouse Dialysis patient is partially made by an external Medical Assessors, does he/she have the extensive background knowledge of Renal and Renal care and treatment? Or do they have a more generalised and General Practitioner knowledge and level of expertise on the subject?</p> <p>(15) In what circumstances do you not adhere to your own Housing Allocation Policy?</p>	
20640	07/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Preventing Violent Extremism</b></p> <p>I wish to have the following information:</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. The total Prevent budget for each year starting 2006 to present.</p>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The total Prevent budget for each year starting 2006 to present.</li> <li>2. Copies of any Prevent action plans / strategy documents / annual reports for each year starting 2006 to present.</li> <li>3. Funding information for each year from 2006 to present, including a list of organisations that receive(d) Prevent funding and project details for this spending</li> <li>4. Details of any Prevent training given to Council staff from 2006 to present. This should include the title of the training sessions, date(s) held, and information on which council staff the training was given to (e.g. departments, not staff names).</li> <li>5. Details of any Prevent work (funding, action plans etc.) that is targeted at far-right extremism.</li> </ol>	<p>The information requested is not held by individual local authorities. The details on total annual Prevent budgets are held by the Home Office.</p> <p>2. Copies of any Prevent action plans / strategy documents / annual reports for each year starting 2006 to present.</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 the information you requested.</p> <p>We consider that disclosure of Prevent Action plans and related information could potentially compromise the future efforts in the prevention and detection of possible criminal activity, potentially also national security. It is our view that Section 31(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies to this request. This section provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would prejudice the “prevention or detection of crime”. To provide details of action plans and reports on the efforts of Prevent related activities would in our view compromise the success of any potential actions.</p> <p>The Prevent strategy and CONTEST reports are already available in the public domain. The latest Prevent strategy (2011) can be found at:  <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrorism/supporting-pages/prevent">www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrorism/supporting-pages/prevent</a></p> <p>The latest CONTEST strategy (2013) can be found at:  <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/302155/CONTESTannualreport2013.pdf">www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/302155/CONTESTannualreport2013.pdf</a></p> <p>3. Funding information for each year from 2006 to present, including a list of organisations that receive(d) Prevent funding and project details for this spending</p> <p>Please see our response to Question 2 above. We consider the disclosure detailing the funding to specific areas for specific projects is exempt from disclosure under Section 31 as to disclose this detail in the public domain could compromise the effectiveness of future actions.</p> <p>4. Details of any Prevent training given to Council staff from 2006 to present. This should include the title of the training sessions, date(s) held, and information on which council staff the training was given to (e.g. departments, not staff names).</p>
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20673	08/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Communications</b></p> <p>Please could you send me the representations which were made by Newham Council to the Department of Communities and Local Government by Newham Council in response to Eric Pickles letter directing that Newham Mag should change?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please find attached the full submissions from the London Borough of Newham in response to the stated correspondence.</p>																								
20691	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Right to Buy</b></p> <p>Please send me information on:</p> <p>(i) How many properties have been sold under the Right To Buy scheme each month in your local authority between 2 April 2012 and 2 August 2014?</p> <p>(ii) How many of these sold properties are now being rented out?</p> <p>(iii) Of the former Right-To-Buy properties now rented out, how many are occupied by tenants on housing benefit? And what is the overall bill in housing benefit paid out for tenants living in these properties?</p> <p>(iv) How many of these former Right-To-Buy</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. How many properties have been sold under the Right To Buy scheme each month in your local authority between 2 April 2012 and 2 August 2014?</p> <p>Please see the table below which details the number of properties which have been sold under the Right to Buy scheme monthly in the requested time frame.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>2012</th> <th>2013</th> <th>2014</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jan</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb</td> <td></td> <td>14</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar</td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr</td> <td>0</td> <td>8</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>16</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	2012	2013	2014	Jan		10	16	Feb		14	14	Mar		7	26	Apr	0	8	11	May	0	3	16
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20714	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Newham Magazine</b></p> <p>Newham mag. In issue 299, a note on page 4 states the frequency of the fortnightly Newham mag is under review. FOI E19843 states in the follow on email exchange that the Newham mag will be published quarterly. Issue 300 was issued early June 2014, issue 301 issued 8/8/14.  The standards advisory committee meeting minutes from 31/7/14 mention in item 5 that the Newham mag next edition would be available early</p>	<p><b>Review Summary</b></p> <p>We can not find any record of any correspondence issued in relation to Freedom of Information request E19843 which confirms to you any decision had been reached on the future frequency of the Newham Mag.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As previously advised the frequency of the Newham Mag remains under review.</li> <li>2. Please see our response to Question 1. To date the future publication dates have not been set.</li> </ol>																												

		<p>September 2014.</p> <p>1. I would like to know why two issues, (300-301), have been issued in one quarter.</p> <p>2. I would like to know the future publication dates for the Newham mag for the next two quarters, autumn - winter.</p> <p>3. What department will answer these questions?</p>	<p>3. Communications and the Information Governance Team.</p>
20739	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Primary/Secondary School Exclusions</b></p> <p>1. The number of primary school children excluded temporarily in each of the following academic years: 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 Broken down: a) by the number of children from each school b) by the reasons given for exclusion</p> <p>2. The number of primary school children excluded permanently in each of the following academic years: 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 Broken down: a) by the number of children from each school b) by the reasons given for exclusion</p> <p>3. The number of secondary school children excluded temporarily in each of the following academic years: 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 Broken down: a) by the number of children from each school b) by the reasons given for exclusion</p> <p>4. The number of secondary school children excluded permanently in each of the following</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></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. Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible by other means.</p> <p>The requested information in relation to the total suspensions or fixed period exclusions in both primary and secondary schools for the years between 2010 and 2012 are already publically available as data compiled by the Department for Education and published on the www.gov.uk website. For your reference, please see the relevant web links below.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-from-schools-in-england-academic-year-2010-to-2011">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-from-schools-in-england-academic-year-2010-to-2011</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-from-schools-in-england-2011-to-2012-academic-year">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-from-schools-in-england-2011-to-2012-academic-year</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-in-england-2012-to-2013">https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-in-england-2012-to-2013</a></p> <p>We also find the further information requested is respect of the 2013-2014 academic year to currently be exempt under section 22(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We believe that premature release of the information in advance of its full collation is not in the public interest because the information is subject to verification before publication. This information will be made publically available in due course through the website quoted above.</p> <p>It is noted that your request specifically relates to the breakdown of both permanent and fixed</p>

		<p>academic years: 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014</p> <p>Broken down: a) by the number of children from each school b) by the reasons given for exclusion</p>	<p>term exclusions by individual school and by individual reason for the exclusion.</p> <p>We believe that disclosing this level of detail including the academic year, individual school and reason for suspension, could when coupled with information which may already be in the public domain, result in the identification of individual children. It is noted that the numbers broken down by the requested criteria usually result in only one or two suspensions for each heading and this would therefore potentially allow for the identification of those children involved. 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>
20721	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Confederation of British Industry</b></p> <p>Please provide the amount paid to the CBI (and its regional subsidiaries)</p> <p>(a) in membership fees (b) fees for one off conferences or other events and (c) fees paid to the CBI for any other services.</p> <p>Please make clear if the response includes payments from any Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Executive Agencies etc. which fall under the department and please provide a breakdown of what payments came from which agency/body. Please provide this information for the period 2009-2014 set out by calendar or financial year.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>We do not hold any record of any payments being made to the Confederation of British Industry during the requested timeframe.</p>
20748	08/10/2014	<p><b>subject: Consultations concerning Forest Gate Station</b></p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p>

		<p>1. How much money exactly is available for this project?</p> <p>2. What is the exact scope and project statement, what is covered?</p> <p>3. What is the timetable for the formal plans and consultations [since they must pass standard 'planning permission' one supposes]?</p> <p>4. What are the exact [as opposed to vague, patronising, promises] plans for informal consultations and workshops for residents? If 'none', please state.</p> <p>5. What's the outline timetable for the whole project?</p>	<p>The Crossrail Complementary Measures schemes, promoted by TfL, for the interchange area around Crossrail stations has made approximately £28million available for stations on the Crossrail network (including Newham's four Crossrail stations). For consistency, initial Urban Integration Studies (UIS) were commissioned by Crossrail and TfL to scope potential schemes around the stations in question, with the assistance and input of the Boroughs. For Forest Gate there are some long-standing local aspirations to treat the junction area outside the station and these were fed into the UIS process.</p> <p>The schemes were intended to be only illustrative of what could be achieved and are in no way the finalised schemes. However, they were intended to identify the potential scope and cost of schemes to aid with the funding allocation process.</p> <p>There is a competitive bidding process across the network for the allocation of Crossrail Complementary Measures funding for schemes outside stations. The Council has recently submitted its bids for Forest Gate, Maryland and Manor Park stations and is awaiting a funding decision from TfL.</p> <p>1. We do not hold this information. We are currently awaiting a funding decision from TfL before we can confirm the money available for the scheme.</p> <p>2. We do not hold this information. The exact scope of the project will obviously be determined by the amount of funding allocated to us and it was not appropriate to engage in a full public consultation on the 'proposed scheme' because we cannot yet confirm there is any scheme to consult upon until funding is confirmed. Therefore to manage expectations at this early stage, a limited consultation with the public via the Local Service Review was undertaken.</p> <p>3. Once the funding allocation has been advised, a process of re-scoping the scheme will commence and a detailed design and full public consultation exercise would commence thereafter. The community will have ample opportunity to formally comment and influence the proposals as they work forward to a preferred option, once the funding for the scheme is confirmed.</p> <p>4. We are still working through the consultation proposals. Once funding allocation and re-scoping of the scheme has commenced we will be holding informal drop-in sessions in the local area for residents and businesses to give us their views – as well as a more formal consultation process.</p>
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			5. This is dependent upon the financial year in which our funding from the Crossrail Complementary Measures scheme is allocated to us.
20820	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Housing Benefit Claimants</b></p> <p>Could you please send me the following information about housing benefit claimants who are on variable or fluctuating incomes and must submit regular payslips and wage information to the council for housing benefit claim adjustments?          Could you let me know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How many housing benefit recipients does your council have in total?</li> <li>- Out of that total, how many are in receipt of housing benefit and how many are in receipt of local housing allowance (LHA)?</li> <li>- How many households claiming housing benefit through your council have a variable or fluctuating income and must submit payslips and wage information for housing benefit adjustments on a regular basis because their income varies?</li> <li>- How does the council calculate housing benefit claims for people on variable or fluctuating incomes – for example, does the council calculate a monthly income average, or a weekly income average?</li> <li>- How regularly must people on variable or fluctuating incomes submit their payslips and wage information for housing benefit adjustment?</li> <li>- What formats can people use to report variable or fluctuating incomes and to submit payslips or wage information? Do they have to hand-deliver or post payslips and wage information through the mail, or are they able to submit information electronically?</li> <li>- If so, what systems can people use to make those</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>How many housing benefit recipients does your council have in total?          As of 15th September 2014 we have a total of 36,740.</p> <p>Out of that total, how many are in receipt of housing benefit and how many are in receipt of local housing allowance (LHA)? 13,086.</p> <p>How many households claiming housing benefit through your council have a variable or fluctuating income and must submit payslips and wage information for housing benefit adjustments on a regular basis because their income varies?          We do not record this information in a format which would allow for this level of detail to be recovered for reporting purposes.</p> <p>How does the council calculate housing benefit claims for people on variable or fluctuating incomes – for example, does the council calculate a monthly income average, or a weekly income average?          The level of earnings used in the assessment of housing benefit are calculated in line with Housing Benefit regulations (Regulation 29 para. 3) which require only that we estimate average weekly earnings by reference to ‘likely earnings from employment’:</p> <p>How regularly must people on variable or fluctuating incomes submit their payslips and wage information for housing benefit adjustment?          Claimants are expected to report changes immediately where, in line with Housing Benefit Regulations, they could be reasonably expected to know it might affect their entitlement to housing benefit. This is in line with the duty to notify changes of circumstances under Regulation 88.</p> <p>What formats can people use to report variable or fluctuating incomes and to submit payslips or wage information? Do they have to hand-deliver or post payslips and wage information through the mail, or are they able to submit information electronically?</p>

		<p>submissions (for example – can they email information, use online forms, etc.). Is online reporting possible?</p> <p>- How long do housing benefit claims that are adjusted to accommodate variable incomes take to process?</p>	<p>Claimants can report changes in their income by post, by email attachment or in person by appointment if required.</p> <p>If so, what systems can people use to make those submissions (for example – can they email information, use online forms, etc.). Is online reporting possible?</p> <p>Changes can be reported by email.</p> <p>How long do housing benefit claims that are adjusted to accommodate variable incomes take to process?</p> <p>As we do not separately identify households on variable incomes we cannot provide this specific information. We only hold information in relation to all changes notified and we process these in an average of seven calendar days.</p>
20835	08/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Food Labelling</b></p> <p>From 13 December 2014, food businesses in the UK will have to follow new rules in labelling pre-packed foods and non-prepacked (loose) foods. This is part of the European Union Food Information for Consumers Regulation (EU FIC) coming into force.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What press releases / announcements have you issued relating to these new rules?</li> <li>2. What publicity (including, but not limited to leaflets and emails) have you issued relating to these new rules?</li> <li>3. Please provide internal emails (from 1st Jan 2014 to date) detailing discussions regarding the implementation of these new rules?</li> <li>4. Please provide details of internal meetings (from 1st Jan 2014 to date) and discussions regarding the implementation of these new rules?</li> <li>5. Please provide internal emails (from 1st Jan 2014</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>From 13 December 2014, food businesses in the UK will have to follow new rules in labelling pre-packed foods and non-prepacked (loose) foods. This is part of the European Union Food Information for Consumers Regulation (EU FIC) coming into force.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What press releases / announcements have you issued relating to these new rules?</li> <li>2. What publicity (including, but not limited to leaflets and emails) have you issued relating to these new rules?</li> </ol> <p>1-2. As a Local Authority we have not issued announcements or publicity specifically in relation to these nationally implemented rules. The Food Standards Agency would be best placed to issue publicity nationally on the impact and issues related to legislative change, rather than at a local level. It is ultimately the responsibility of the businesses to ensure compliance with any new legislative measures introduced.</p> <p>The Food Standards Agency provides free online training and information for the Food Information Regulations 2013 on its website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Please provide internal emails (from 1st Jan 2014 to date) detailing discussions regarding the implementation of these new rules?</li> </ol>



	<p>to date) detailing publicity and the publicising of these new rules.</p> <p>6. What training has taken place for council staff in connection with enforcement of these new rules?</p> <p>7. Provide a copy of the enforcement policy for these new rules.</p> <p>8. What information have you sent to any of your own departments (including Social Services, Adult Services, and Education) about these new rules?</p> <p>9. How many press releases have you issued relating to these new rules?</p> <p>10. How many press releases have you issued in total from September 1st 2013 to date?</p> <p>11. Please provide evidence of how local food businesses are supported and prepared for these new rules, including any internal communications to support evidence of this process.</p> <p>12. Please provide any internal emails or minutes from meetings to support the decision making process in the development of any food standards projects.</p>	<p>4. Please provide details of internal meetings (from 1st Jan 2014 to date) and discussions regarding the implementation of these new rules?</p> <p>5. Please provide internal emails (from 1st Jan 2014 to date) detailing publicity and the publicising of these new rules.</p> <p>3-5. Due to the general nature of your request we are unable to complete such a general search on a non-specific topic and without specified individuals, teams or services. Similarly it is not possible to review details of all internal meetings across the Council to attempt to retrieve where any conversations or communications may have arisen on this subject. Despite the nine month time frame, the scope of your request remains too broad for the completion of the retrieval of this information with the appropriate limit set out by the Act under Section 12.</p> <p>6. What training has taken place for council staff in connection with enforcement of these new rules?</p> <p>All Food Safety officers have completed FSA training courses specifically on the Food Information Regulations 2013.</p> <p>7. Provide a copy of the enforcement policy for these new rules.</p> <p>The existing enforcement policy does not require any amendments in respect of the provisions of the new legislation. The Food Safety Enforcement Policy is a graduated, proportionate and transparent approach to enforcement across a range of legislation in keeping with the Food Law Code of Practice, Enforcement Concordat and Regulators Compliance Code</p> <p>8. What information have you sent to any of your own departments (including Social Services, Adult Services, and Education) about these new rules?</p> <p>The Food Safety service is available to provide assistance to any other departments across the Council on such matters. No information additional has been provided separately.</p> <p>9. How many press releases have you issued relating to these new rules? Please see our response to Question 1 and 2.</p> <p>10. How many press releases have you issued in total from September 1st 2013 to date?</p>
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20849	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Supporting Adults with Learning Disabilities</b></p> <p>I would like to know total expenditure by the council on respite care for adults with learning disabilities in the year ended 31st March 2014.</p> <p>I would also like to know how many individual adults with learning disabilities received council-funded respite care in the same year.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. In 2013/14, the spend on respite care for adults aged 18 to 64 was £134,703</p> <p>2. 23 individual adults received council-funded respite care</p>
20859	13/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Support for Hearing Impaired Children</b></p> <p>1. As of 1st September, has your local authority published a local offer under the Children and Families Act 2014?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. As of 1st September, has your local authority published a local offer under the Children and Families Act 2014?</p> <p>Answer: Yes</p>

		<p>Yes / No</p> <p>2. If yes, please provide:</p> <p>a) a link to the webpage where it has been published. b) details of how parents of children with SEND can leave comments on the local offer</p> <p>3. Has any consultation taken place specifically with parents of deaf children on the local offer?</p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>4. If yes, please provide details of how this was done.</p> <p>5. Has any consultation has taken place specifically with deaf children and young people on the local offer?</p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>6. If yes, please provide details of how this was done.</p> <p>Transition plans</p> <p>7. As of 1st September, has your local authority published a transition plan, setting out how children and young people with statements will be migrated over to Education, Health and Care Plans?</p>	<p>2.If yes, please provide: a)a link to the webpage where it has been published</p> <p>Answer: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Category/Special-educational-needs.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Category/Special-educational-needs.aspx</a></p> <p>b) details of how parents of children with SEND can leave comments on the local offer Answer: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Have-your-say-on-the-Local-Offer.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Have-your-say-on-the-Local-Offer.aspx</a></p> <p>3. Has any consultation taken place specifically with parents of deaf children on the local offer?</p> <p>Answer: Yes – please see question 4</p> <p>4. If yes, please provide details of how this was done</p> <p>Answer: The authority has a parent officer group called Newham Co-production which includes representation from the deaf community. The group meets monthly and every meeting discusses the local offer. Alongside that parents of deaf children are invited to termly meetings called Open House.</p> <p>5. Has any consultation has taken place specifically with deaf children and young people on the local offer?</p> <p>Answer: No. This is an area we intend to develop within the next 12 – 24 months</p> <p>6. If yes, please provide details of how this was done</p> <p>Answer: N/A</p> <p>7. As of 1st September, has your local authority published a transition plan, setting out how children and young people with statements will be migrated over to Education, Health and Care Plans?</p>
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20903	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : ICT Spend</b></p> <p>1. How much did your council/department/authority spend in total on IT technologies and services during the 2013/2014 fiscal year?</p> <p>2. Who were the top-25 (if applicable) IT product and services suppliers with whom the council spent</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. How much did your council/department/authority spend in total on IT technologies and services during the 2013/2014 fiscal year?</p> <p>The data is already publically available on the Council website through the Annual Statement of Accounts. Please see the relevant link below:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Annual-accounts.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Annual-accounts.aspx</a></p>

		<p>the most money during 2013/2014 fiscal year, and how much was spent with each?</p> <p>3. Of that spend (in 2013/2014) what was the breakdown in spend on a) IT products b) IT software c) IT services d) other IT (please specify)?</p> <p>4. By comparison, how much did your council/department/authority spend in total on IT technologies and services during the 2012/2013 fiscal year?</p> <p>5. By comparison, who were the top-25 (if applicable) IT product and services suppliers with whom the council spent the most money during 2012/2013 fiscal year, and how much was spent with each?</p> <p>6. By comparison, of that spend (in 2012/2013) what was the breakdown in spend on a) IT products b) IT software c) IT services d) other IT (please specify)?</p>	<p>2. Who were the top-25 (if applicable) IT product and services suppliers with whom the council spent the most money during 2013/2014 fiscal year, and how much was spent with each?</p> <p>We do not hold this specific breakdown of information in relation to top suppliers of ICT services to the Council, in a reportable format. However, related data is available on the Council website in the form of monthly breakdowns of payments over £500 made by the Council. Independent review of this data would enable you to compile information which may be of use to you. Please see the relevant web link below:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Council-spending-over-500.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Council-spending-over-500.aspx</a></p> <p>3. Of that spend (in 2013/2014) what was the breakdown in spend on a) IT products b) IT software c) IT services d) other IT (please specify)?</p> <p>We do not hold this specific breakdown of information in the form you have requested.</p> <p>4. By comparison, how much did your council/department/authority spend in total on IT technologies and services during the 2012/2013 fiscal year?</p> <p>We do not hold this comparison information. However please see the relevant Annual Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 which can be found on the web link below:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Annual-accounts.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Annual-accounts.aspx</a></p> <p>5. By comparison, who were the top-25 (if applicable) IT product and services suppliers with whom the council spent the most money during 2012/2013 fiscal year, and how much was spent with each?</p> <p>We do not hold this comparison information. Please see our response to Question 2.</p> <p>6. By comparison, of that spend (in 2012/2013) what was the breakdown in spend on a) IT products b) IT software c) IT services d) other IT (please specify)?</p> <p>We do not hold this specific breakdown of information in the form you have requested.</p>
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20882	27/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Clapton FC - Premises Licence</b></p> <p>1. At the time of application was Mr MacBean a holder of a personal licence?</p> <p>2. When was this licence granted?</p> <p>3. By which licensing authority was it granted?</p> <p>4. Did Newham have sight of that personal licence?</p> <p>5. If not, what enquiries were made to confirm the validity of the personal licence?</p> <p>6. During his tenure did the licensing authority have reason to correspond with him regarding the existence/validity of the personal licence?</p> <p>Club House Premises</p> <p>7. On what date did the final club registration certificate expire?</p> <p>8. On what date was the first premises licence obtained following expiry of the club registration certificate?</p> <p>If this personal licence was not what was granted on Dec 2009 please set out dates for each of grants for a personal licence and names of holder and DPS.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Mr McBean did not disclose whether he held a personal licence at the time of the premises application.</p> <p>2. Not applicable.</p> <p>3. Not applicable.</p> <p>4. Not applicable.</p> <p>5. Not applicable.</p> <p>6. No.</p> <p>7. The premises did not hold a Club Premises Licence with Newham Council under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>8. The premises did not hold a Club Premises Licence with Newham Council under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>9. We do not hold information concerning the granting of a personal licence to Mr McBean. We can confirm that Joao Nixon Cubala was the DPS from 23rd March 2011 to 2nd August 2011. His personal licence was granted on the 11th February 2009. Esmond Royston Fox has been the DPS since the 2nd August 2011. His personal licence was granted on the 16th December 2009.</p>
20902	01/10/2014	<b>Subject: Empty Properties Redevelopment</b>	<b>Summary:</b>

		<p>I have lived in Newham for the last 16 years and have been amazed at the transformation that's been happening to the borough. It has also been sad to see some of the beautiful buildings in Newham get abandoned and disused. One such building that caught my eye is the old Lyle Institute building opposite the sugar factory. I would like to investigate the opportunity of revive the building, give it a facelift and make it usable again, helping out the accommodation shortage situation in London. Could I please get some info on its current ownership and appropriate contact within Newham who can help explore this mutually beneficial opportunity?</p>	<p>Newham Council owns the Tate Institute building, which was originally used as a social club for workers from Tate &amp; Lyle.</p> <p>The Council's Property Team is contactable for further discussion on 0208 430 2000.</p>
20904	01/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Parking Orders</b></p> <p>Please can you supply me with a copy of any Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the junction of Cooks Road with High Street (E15 2PP)</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The waiting and loading restriction order, as amended, sets out the following restrictions for Cooks Road:</p> <p>No waiting at any time No loading at any time (for 10 metres from the High Street E15 kerb-line)</p> <p>In High Street E15 the following restrictions apply:</p> <p>No waiting at any time No loading at any time</p>
20881	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Abundant Life Housing</b></p> <p>I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act to know the yearly amounts paid to Abundant Life Housing of 9 Campbell Road, Stratford, E15 1SY between 2007 to date (January - September 2014)</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please see below the annual totals of payments made to Abundant Life Housing since 2007, as the totals showing on our financial payments system. This information is held and has been provided by financial year.</p>

			<p>2007/08 - £0.00  2008/09 - £1,340.00  2009/10 - £1,171.42  2010/11 - £0.00  2011/12 - £7,000.00  2012/13 - £6,500.00  2013/14 - £11,000.00  2014/15  (to 05.09.14) - £1,000.00</p>
20909	03/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Concierge Services</b></p> <p>You consulted your residents, and they informed you that they were happy with the service, and it appears that some blocks are retaining their service.</p> <p>Why is Smiths Point receiving a reduced service while other blocks will continue to receive the same service?</p> <p>Could you provide a breakdown by block within Newham, of:</p> <p>1, the current service; and  2, the proposed service.</p> <p>Could you also provide a breakdown of why each block is receiving the proposed service?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The concierge service runs at a deficit. It has therefore been necessary to bring the service in line with the budget available for its provision.</p> <p>The rationale for changes to the hours of cover is that:  Those blocks whose charges cover the cost of the service retain the service.  Those blocks whose charges do not cover the service have a revised service.</p> <p>This provides the maximum cover to all blocks whilst bringing the costs in budget.</p> <p>We do not believe it is appropriate to disclose the full details of any such changes across the borough as to date they remain proposals and not confirmed changes which have been formally agreed.</p> <p>We therefore consider that Section 22 of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) applies. Section 22 may be applied to information if there is an intention to publish the requested information at some future date. This ensures that the Freedom of Information Act does not force public authorities into the premature publication of information whilst its accuracy is still being confirmed and ratified. We take the view that premature release of the information in advance of its formal approval is not in the public interest because the information is subject to formal approval before publication and implementation.</p>



			For your reference we have included the full details of the current service to all blocks across the borough as requested.
20907	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Treatment Licences</b></p> <p>1. How many beauty salons and mobile therapists have got special treatment licence issued by the Council in the borough?  2. Would it be possible to get a list of salons that hold the special treatment licence? If not, are there any salons/mobile therapists in Canning Town.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. There are a total of 111 premises which hold special treatment licences across the borough.  2. Please see the attached of salons in the borough which hold these licences.</p>
20908	01/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Business Rates</b></p> <p>With regards to the non-domestic rates assessments in your Billing Authority, I would like to request the following in an excel format;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The company name</li> <li>- Billing Authority Reference</li> <li>- Hereditament address (including postcode) and</li> <li>- Rateable value</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the relief awarded. Operationally we do not require our systems to be compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6,500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the receipt of relief. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit</p>

			(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.
20910	01/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Traffic Orders</b></p> <p>Please provide pdf(s) of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order relating to "Temporary Prohibition of Waiting and Loading" on Jutland Road, E13 from 17th April onwards.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please find attached as requested.</p>
21559	19/01/2015	<p><b>Subject : Residents Parking</b></p> <p>1. Were the residents ever asked if they wanted resident's parking?</p> <p>2. Do wardens have targets to meet? Do they get bonuses for meeting them?</p> <p>3. How much each year do the Council earn from resident parking charges and penalties?</p> <p>4. How much did it cost to set up the resident's parking system and how much does the system cost to run each year?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. Were the residents ever asked if they wanted resident's parking?</p> <p>Where new residents parking zones are brought in, in new areas in the borough, public consultation is undertaken. For further information please see the relevant web link below which details the process. <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Residential-parking-zones.aspx?11=100002&amp;12=200072">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Residential-parking-zones.aspx?11=100002&amp;12=200072</a></p> <p>2. Do wardens have targets to meet? Do they get bonuses for meeting them?</p> <p>Mouchel, the Council's enforcement contractor has stated that neither targets nor bonuses are set or given to their Civil Enforcement Officers.</p> <p>3. How much each year do the Council earn from resident parking charges and penalties?</p> <p>This Information is already publicly available on the Newham website in Parking's annual report. Please see the relevant web link below; <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Category/Parking.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Category/Parking.aspx</a></p> <p>4. How much did it cost to set up the resident's parking system and how much does the system</p>

			<p>cost to run each year?</p> <p>We are unable to provide a confirmed total as this system was set up and is used by different teams across the authority. We would be unable to provide an accurate estimate from the budgets of the relevant Parking and Customer Services teams as the expenditure would also be utilised across other areas of work other than residents parking. There are also a number of different 'parking systems' to which your request relates. These would include the actual computerised system which administers parking permits, the enforcement systems, together with the initial parking design costs and consultations.</p>
20911	19/01/2015	<p><b>Subject: Young People - Hostels</b></p> <p>1. How many young people (i.e. those aged between 16-22) have been using hostels in the London Borough of Newham in the last measurable month?</p> <p>2. Do you have any hostels only dedicated to young people in your Borough and if so, what age range do they cater for?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. How many young people (i.e. those aged between 16-22) have been using hostels in the London Borough of Newham in the last measurable month?</p> <p>There are two young people known to the authority to be living in hostels in the borough in the last month.</p> <p>2. Do you have any hostels only dedicated to young people in your Borough and if so, what age range do they cater for?</p> <p>We do not have hostels dedicated to young people in the London Borough of Newham.</p>
20920	07/10/2014	<p><b>Summary: Parking Permits issued for Gower Road</b></p> <p>I would like to know the details of how many cars are registered to Gower Road via parking permits issued to a specific address. Compared with the amount of parking spaces available minus the 8 bays used for '30 minute stays'.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Within the last year 69 permits have been issued for properties within Gower Road.</p> <p>For Gower Road, there are 32 permit holder only parking spaces; 26 permit holder and shared use 30 minutes bays; and 7 disabled residents only bays. There are also 3 short stay 2 hours bay, 1 short stay 30 minutes bay and 1 loading bay (which is also used as short stay 30 minutes outside loading operational hours).</p>

20921	03/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Financial incentives for adopters working for the Council</b></p> <p>1. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to social workers for the number of children that they take into care?</p> <p>2. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to social workers for the number of children that they have adopted?</p> <p>3. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to your Council for the number of children that they take into care?</p> <p>4. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to your Council for the number of children that they have adopted?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>1. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to social workers for the number of children that they take into care?</p> <p>We do not offer a bonus or any financial incentives to Social Workers for the number of children that they take in to care.</p> <p>2. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to social workers for the number of children that they have adopted?</p> <p>We do not offer a bonus or any financial incentives to Social Workers for the number of children that they have adopted.</p> <p>3. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to your Council for the number of children that they take into care?</p> <p>There are no bonuses or financial incentives paid to the Council for the numbers of children that are taken in to care.</p> <p>4. Would you please provide details of any kind of bonus or other financial incentive paid to your Council for the number of children that they have adopted?</p> <p>There are no bonuses or financial incentives paid to the Council for the number of children that are adopted.</p>
20923	07/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Autodesk software</b></p> <p>Please can you provide any details you hold regarding the quantities and versions of Autodesk software you use or have registered to you?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please see the attached spreadsheet which details the requested information in relation to Autodesk Software.</p>

		We would also like to request the person(s) responsible for keeping the licences updated or managed.	Kieffer Lyston and David Fogarty are responsible for managing the licences.
20928	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Advocacy for NHS complaints</b></p> <p>1. Under the reforms brought in by the Health and Social Act 2012, all upper tier local authorities were given responsibility for commissioning an Independent Complaints Advocacy Service for local NHS services. Please can you tell us how much money you spent / allocated for this service for the following financial years – 2013/14 and 2014/15?</p> <p>2. Can you tell me how many individuals have been supported in making their NHS complaint by the Independent Complaints Advocacy Service in your area for the following financial years – 2013/14 and 2014/15 (to date if available)?</p> <p>3. In addition to complaints advocacy for NHS services, does your local authority directly provide or commission complaints advocacy services for those looking to make complaints or raise concerns about local social care services?</p> <p>4. If you do provide or commission complaints advocacy services for social care users, how much money have you spent on / allocated for the service for each of the following financial years – 2013/14 and 2014/15?</p> <p>5. If you do provide or commission complaints advocacy services for social care users, how many</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The spend on the NHS Health Complaints Advocacy provision is £53,600 per annum.</p> <p>2. In 2013 there were 96 Newham citizens supported by this provision to make a complaint. In 2014/15, 29 referrals were received up to June 2014.</p> <p>3. The Council do not specifically commission a sole service which supports people to complain or raise concerns with social care services. What we commission is an Individual Advocacy service, which provides independent advocates to support people on an issue based level; some of these issues are social care related. There is a publicised procedure and policy for people to make a complaint about social care services.</p> <p>4. N/A – see above.</p> <p>5. N/A – see above.</p>

		individuals have been supported for each of the following financial years – 2013/14 and 2014/15 (to date if available)?	
20929	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Planning Applications for wind turbines</b></p> <p>1. How many planning applications has the Council received for wind turbines since 10 October 2013?</p> <p>Of these planning applications, how many have</p> <p>(b) been approved</p> <p>(c) been rejected</p> <p>(d) been 'called in' by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government</p> <p>(e) gone to appeal, and of those that have gone to appeal</p> <p>(f) how many have been 'recovered' by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Council do not hold any specific monitoring data for applications for wind turbines. However, all planning applications are available to view from the Council's Public Access website: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/pa">www.newham.gov.uk/pa</a></p> <p>- Click on the 'planning applications' link (this will open the search facility for public access)</p> <p>- Click on the 'Advanced' tab - this allows you to search by keyword (i.e. wind turbines) and allows you to enter the time period you are searching for within the 'Decision Date' fields.</p> <p>Once you have selected your search criteria, click search at the bottom of the page - this will produce a list of applications, which include the application number, address, and a description of the proposal. Further information on each application is available by clicking on the relevant link.</p>
20953	08/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Case load figures for Children's Ofsted inspection</b></p> <p>The average case load figures (number of children) for your children and family social workers at the time of your last Ofsted inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers (June 2014).</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please see below the breakdown of the average caseload figures for the headings of social workers recorded in June 2014.</p> <p>Assessment - 31.6</p> <p>Intervention - 19.6</p> <p>Looked After Children - 16.7</p>
20950	08/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Bin collection and charges</b></p> <p>1. How many different types of bins are provided to your residents for different types of waste</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. How many different types of bins are provided to your residents for different types of waste collection, e.g. recycling, food waste, general waste, etc.?</p>

		<p>collection, e.g. recycling, food waste, general waste, etc.?</p> <p>2. How often is each of them collected?</p> <p>3. Do you have any ancillary charges for collection, e.g. for garden waste? If so, how much and what for?</p> <p>4. How much have you gained in revenue through charges, rather than tax, in each of the past three years from householders for waste collection of any kind?</p>	<p>Residents in street level properties with sufficient space in their front garden for storage have two bins: one for refuse; one for recycling.</p> <p>2. How often is each of them collected?</p> <p>Refuse is collected weekly. Recycling is collected fortnightly.</p> <p>3. Do you have any ancillary charges for collection, e.g. for garden waste? If so, how much and what for?</p> <p>Garden waste, bulky household waste and clinical waste services are free of charge.</p> <p>However, there are charges made for large quantities of bulky waste (i.e. more than 6 items) being cleared through one collection, and also for the removal of building materials. Charges are dependent upon the type/volume of waste.</p> <p>The Bulky waste collection Service including white goods costs £302,207 to operate per year.</p> <p>4. How much have you gained in revenue through charges, rather than tax, in each of the past three years from householders for waste collection of any kind?</p> <p>Please see below the income generated from bulky waste collection in the last three years.</p> <table data-bbox="974 1077 1254 1165"> <tr> <td>2010/11 -</td> <td>£1,715</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011/12</td> <td>-£1,540</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012/13</td> <td>-£1,226</td> </tr> </table>	2010/11 -	£1,715	2011/12	-£1,540	2012/13	-£1,226
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20952	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Pest Control Service</b></p> <p>Provide information for years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Do you offer a pest control service to the public, and if so is the service delivered in-house by the Council or contracted out to a 3rd party?</p>						

		<p>1. Do you offer a pest control service to the public, and if so is the service delivered in-house by the Council or contracted out to a 3rd party?</p> <p>2. Do you charge for your pest control service?</p> <p>3. How many individuals were employed by the council between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014 under the remit of pest control?</p> <p>4. How many full time equivalents (FTE) is this?</p> <p>5. Of those individuals, how many were employed as servicing technicians?</p> <p>6. How many full time equivalents (FTE) is this?</p> <p>7. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving rats did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>8. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving mice did the council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>9. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving mammals (other than rats or mice, E.g. Foxes, Squirrels, Rabbits etc...) did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April</p>	<p>Answer: Yes, delivered in-house.</p> <p>2. Do you charge for your pest control service?</p> <p>Answer: Yes</p> <p>3. How many individuals were employed by the council between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014 under the remit of pest control?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13:15 2013/14: 8</p> <p>4. How many full time equivalents (FTE) is this?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 14.5 2013/14: 8</p> <p>5. Of those individuals, how many were employed as servicing technicians?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 10 2013/14: 5</p> <p>6. How many full time equivalents (FTE) is this?</p> <p>Answer: 5</p> <p>7. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving rats did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 763</p>
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	<p>2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>10. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving wasps did council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>11. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving bedbugs did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>12. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving ants did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014? You may wish to clarify which type of ants is covered by your services in question 20.</p> <p>13. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving cockroaches did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>14. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving insects other than those listed above (e.g. Fleas, Bees, Mites etc...) did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>15. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving birds did the council deploy one</p>	<p>2013/14: 763</p> <p>8. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving mice did the council deploy one or more technicians between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 1,968 2013/14: 1,748</p> <p>9. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving mammals (other than rats or mice, Eg. Foxes, Squirrels, Rabbits etc...) did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 25 2013/14: 37</p> <p>10. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving wasps did council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 63 2013/14: 149</p> <p>11. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving bedbugs did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 816 2013/14: 560</p> <p>12. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving ants did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013</p>
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		<p>or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>16. Are you intending to continue providing pest control services to your community for the next 12 month period?</p>	<p>and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 33 2013/14: 78</p> <p>13. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving cockroaches did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 699 2013/14: 473</p> <p>14. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving insects other than those listed above (Eg. Fleas, Bees, Mites etc...) did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 114 2013/14: 110</p> <p>15. How many initial reactive domestic service requests involving birds did the council deploy one or more technicians to between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013, and 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014?</p> <p>Answer: 2012/13: 38 2013/14: 39</p> <p>16. Are you intending to continue providing pest control services to your community for the next 12 month period?</p> <p>Answer: Yes</p>
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20927	08/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Payments made to companies</b></p> <p>Please give me a full list of all payments made to the companies below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EURO TROPICAL FOODS LTD From April 2008 to date</li><li>- GLOBAL (UK) GROUP LTD August 2002 to August 2005</li><li>- PROPERTY MERGERS LTD 29/11/2007 to 11/10/2006</li><li>- EURO TROPICAL FOODS LTD 07/02/2008 to 13/05/2008</li><li>- FISSION LIMITED 11/01/2002 to 29/04/2005</li><li>- BIZ BAR (UK) LTD 01/10/2003 to 29/04/2005</li><li>- BIZ BAR (UK) LTD 27/02/2008 to date</li><li>- PATONII LTD 16/11/2007 to 08/10/2009</li><li>- VIRGEN LTD 07/05/2013 to date</li><li>- ACTION TO WORK 15/12/2011 to date</li><li>- PATONII CARE HOMES LIMITED</li></ul>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>We do not hold any records of any payments being made to any of the companies listed.</p>
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		19/04/2010 to date  - PATONII CARE AGENCY LTD 01/05/2010 to date	
20957	02/10/2014	<b>Subject: Certification of Approved Devices Order</b>  Requested sight of the Certification of Approved Devices Order for the camera outside the Hudson Bay Public House.	<b>Summary:</b>  Please find attached the relevant certificates covering this camera for both Bus Lane and Parking Contraventions.
20964	09/10/2014	<b>Subject: Proposal of 3 residential buildings in Stratford Island</b>  I have been referred to you by the Transport for London. One week ago I went to a presentation for yet another new proposal of 3 more residential buildings in Stratford (E15), the Stratford Island ( <a href="http://stratfordshopping.co.uk/stratford...">http://stratfordshopping.co.uk/stratford...</a> ).  During the usual preliminary informative event, I found the proposal contemplates a change of the entrance to the service routes 2 and 3 from Great Eastern Road (forcing every vehicle to turn around and come from Angel Road downwards).  Enquiring over it, the presenter swears that there was a proposal from the Newham Council to change Great Eastern Road to make it double way traffic (allowing better entrance).  As I am sceptical to this fact, could you please clarify me if such proposal exists or it was a way to	<b>Summary</b>  It is the Council's hope to convert Stratford gyratory into a two-way system to encourage cycling, improve pedestrian movement and create a better environment in the area.  The proposal was part of a wider package of measures shortlisted for Transport for London's "mini-Holland" fund last year but the bid was not successful.  However, the Council has recently resubmitted a bid for converting the gyratory to Transport for London's Major Schemes Programme. The outcome of this bid is expected later this year.

		deflect the question?	
20963	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Sheds</b></p> <p>1. How many sheds do you have available for residents to rent on your housing estates?</p> <p>2. What is the lowest weekly rent you charge?</p> <p>3. What is the highest weekly rent you charge?</p> <p>4. Do you have any concessionary rates available and what are they? Eg. Free for people registered disabled.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Council does not rent sheds.</p> <p>For information, the Council does allocate pram sheds to tenants who occupy a property which is used for the tenant's personal use.</p>
20973	07/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Business Rate Accounts</b></p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act please provide me with the following for new business rates liabilities from 1st March 2014 to present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The name of the liable party</li> <li>- The Hereditament address</li> <li>- Billing Authority Reference</li> <li>- Rateable Value</li> <li>- Date liable from</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the start dates of new accounts from a specific date. Operationally we do not require our systems to be compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the start date of liability in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p>

			<p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit  (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p>
20977	09/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Former ILF Funding</b></p> <p>Following the new decision by the Government to close the ILF (Independent Living Fund) on June 30th 2015 and devolve funding to Local Authorities, please could you answer the following questions.</p> <p>1: Will monies transferred from the closure of the ILF to your local authority be ring fenced to ILF recipients in your area? If no decision has yet been taken, what is the process and timescale for this happening?</p> <p>2: Please could you state the process and timescale for meeting with current ILF recipients to prepare personal care plans for 1st July 2015 onwards (bearing in mind the assessments at the Transfer Review visits only indicate desired outcomes and do not produce an actual care package).</p> <p>3: Will you be making any special dispensation for allowing ILF users to continue to employ their current &amp; in many cases long standing carers of many years, bearing in mind some may be paid a higher rate than what LA's may usually advise and be family members too?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Following the new decision by the Government to close the ILF (Independent Living Fund) on June 30th 2015 and devolve funding to Local Authorities, please could you answer the following questions.</p> <p>1. Will monies transferred from the closure of the ILF to your local authority be ring fenced to ILF recipients in your area? If no decision has yet been taken, what is the process and timescale for this happening?</p> <p>The funding transferred will not be ring-fenced to Adult Social Care but will be part of the Local Authority settlement.</p> <p>2. Please could you state the process and timescale for meeting with current ILF recipients to prepare personal care plans for 1st July 2015 onwards (bearing in mind the assessments at the Transfer Review visits only indicate desired outcomes and do not produce an actual care package).</p> <p>Joint reviews with the majority of current ILF users have already taken place to identify current budget and support plans. On-going care packages to be funded after the closure of the ILF will be agreed at their next statutory review.</p> <p>3. Will you be making any special dispensation for allowing ILF users to continue to employ their current and in many cases long standing carers of many years, bearing in mind some may be paid a higher rate than what LA's may usually advise and be family members too?</p> <p>Individual customer's situations will be considered as part of their review and the outcome will be in line with existing legal requirement.</p>

20976	28/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Leisure Services</b></p> <p>Please release the following information under the FOI Act:</p> <p>What was your authority's leisure centre budget (including pools, pitches and athletics tracks) in 2010-11?</p> <p>What was your authority's leisure centre budget (including pools, pitches and athletics tracks) in 2011-12?</p> <p>What was your authority's leisure centre budget (including pools, pitches and athletics tracks) in 2012-13?</p> <p>What was your authority's leisure centre budget (including pools, pitches and athletics tracks) in 2013-14?</p> <p>What leisure/ sports facilities have you opened since 2010?</p> <p>What leisure/ sports facilities have you closed or are proposing to close since 2010?</p> <p>What leisure/ sports facilities have you outsourced since 2010?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £2,781,000</li> <li>2. £2,933,000</li> <li>3. £2,688,000</li> <li>4. £2,718,000</li> <li>5. Newham Indoor Athletics Centre opened in 2010; a partnership development between Newham Council, Cumberland School and Sport England.</li> <li>6. The original Atherton Leisure Centre is being replaced by a new, fit for purpose centre with pool, training pool, gym, studios and spinning suite as a result of £14.7m Council investment. The Royal Victoria Dock Watersports Centre closed to accommodate the development of the Siemens' Urban Sustainability Centre. The Council has successfully relocated its watersports offer to the London Regatta Centre.</li> <li>7. None. East Ham, Newham and Balaam Leisure Centres were operated under contract with GLL until December 2012. The Council has since established a new leisure trust, activeNewham, to deliver a broad range of leisure and cultural services (including the management and operation of leisure centres).</li> </ol>
20974	07/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Burial Costs</b></p> <p>Please find my freedom of information request</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The current cheapest costs for burial as described is £1,818.</li> </ol>

		<p>below.</p> <p>1. In regards to the cost of burial within graveyards owned and/or operated by the Authority, what is the lowest cost option for a resident's cemetery fees that incorporates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusive rights of burial in a grave for two coffin burials</li> <li>• Internment fee for first burial in grave</li> <li>• Memorial rights fee</li> </ul> <p>2. In regards to the cost of burial within graveyards owned and/or operated by the Authority, what is the lowest cost option for a non-resident's cemetery fees that incorporates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusive rights of burial in a grave for two coffin burials</li> <li>• Internment fee for first burial in grave</li> <li>• Memorial rights fee</li> </ul> <p>3. How does the Authority determine who is a resident and who is a non-resident in regards to cemetery fees?</p> <p>4. In regards to the cost of cremation within facilities owned and/or operated by the Authority, what is the lowest cost total adult cremation fee?</p>	<p>2. As above, as we do not differentiate between residents and non resident.</p> <p>3. We do not differentiate between resident and non resident.</p> <p>4. The Council does not have a crematorium</p>
20975	09/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Full Electoral Register</b></p> <p>Other than normal "public inspection" of the paper version of the Full Electoral Register under the supervision of the Electoral Registration staff (or</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Other than normal "public inspection" of the paper version of the Full Electoral Register under the supervision of the Electoral Registration staff (or electronic access to the Edited Electoral Register):</p>



		<p>electronic access to the Edited Electoral Register):</p> <p>Does the council maintain a list of employees that have access to the Full Electoral Register?</p> <p>Approximately how many council staff has access to the Full Register?</p> <p>Are employees that have access to the Full Electoral Register required to sign any written undertakings in relation to the employees' use of the Full Electoral Register?</p> <p>If so please provide a copy of the draft undertakings.</p> <p>If there are no such employee undertakings, how does the council ensure that employees only use the Full Register for legal purposes?</p> <p>Are logs maintained of each search of the Full Electoral Register that is made by each employee?</p> <p>In the last 12 months have any audits been made to check that searches made by employees of the Full Electoral Register were made in accordance with the relevant regulations?</p> <p>Please state whether council employees use the Full Electoral Register for any of the following purposes</p> <p>Checking applications to rent council property Tracing residents for littering offences Checking whether a person lives in a certain borough to assess eligibility for services</p>	<p>1. Does the council maintain a list of employees that have access to the Full Electoral Register? We do not keep a central list of employees with access to the register. Compliance with Section 107 of the Representation of the People Regulations 2001 (RPR 2001) is a matter for the department using information from the register.</p> <p>2. Approximately how many council staff has access to the Full Register? Please see our response above to Question 1.</p> <p>3. Are employees that have access to the Full Electoral Register required to sign any written undertakings in relation to the employees' use of the Full Electoral Register? Staff requesting information from the register directly from the Electoral Registration Officer must supply the legislation under which they are requesting the information required on a case by case basis.</p> <p>4. If so please provide a copy of the draft undertakings. Not applicable. Please see our response to Question 3.</p> <p>5. If there are no such employee undertakings, how does the council ensure that employees only use the Full Register for legal purposes? All Council employees are required to comply with the legislation and would be subject to the council's disciplinary procedures if failed to do so.</p> <p>6. Are logs maintained of each search of the Full Electoral Register that is made by each employee? We do not maintain a log of searches by employees as information is supplied under Section 107 of the RPR 2001.</p> <p>7. In the last 12 months have any audits been made to check that searches made by employees of the Full Electoral Register were made in accordance with the relevant regulations? No such audits of searches made by employees of the Electoral Register have been undertaken in the last twelve months.</p> <p>8. Please state whether council employees use the Full Electoral Register for any of the following purposes</p>
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20980	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: HMO Licensed Properties</b></p> <p>A list of licensed HMOs within the Newham area.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>This information is searchable on the Council's website:  <a href="https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&amp;searchType=LicencingApplication">https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&amp;searchType=LicencingApplication</a></p>
20982	02/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Business Rates Credits</b></p> <p>We request a breakdown of credit balances accrued</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the</p>

		<p>since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all incorporated companies within the authorities billing area, including</p> <p>The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances remain payable The value of overpayment in each case which remains unclaimed The years(s) in which overpayment was made and The hereditament address The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances has been written back on to the ndr account</p> <p>The value of write back in each case which remains unclaimed The years(s) in which write back was made (if available) and The hereditament address that the write back relates to</p>	<p>detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the relief awarded. Operationally we do not require our systems to be compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6,500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the receipt of relief. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p>
20979	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Body Worn Video Cameras</b></p> <p>If your council deploys staff wearing Body Worn Video Cameras with audio recording facilities, do the staff wearing them have them turned on and Continuously Record at all times throughout their working day?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Council does deploy staff wearing body worn video cameras with audio recording facilities. However the cameras are not turned on and continuously recording at all times throughout their working day.</p>
20981	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Elections Plans 2014</b></p> <p>May I have a copy of the event management plan relating to the 2014 combined elections</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Election planning is the responsibility of the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer acts independently of the Council, is not a public body and is therefore not subject to Freedom of Information legislation.</p>

			<p>You are welcome to contact the Returning Officer directly on the contact details below who will endeavour to assist you further.</p> <p>Mr Paul Libreri  Head of Registration and Electoral Services  East Ham Town Hall  324 Barking Road  London  E6 2RP</p> <p>Paul.Libreri@oneSource.co.uk</p>
20978	06/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Fraudulent School Applications</b></p> <p>I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act from Newham council.</p> <p>I would like to know how many fraudulent or misleading requests for primary school places in</p> <p>i) 2013-2014 and  ii) 2014-2015</p> <p>have been identified by the council, and how many places offered were subsequently withdrawn. In each case I would like to know the reason for the withdrawal.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The London Borough of Newham has not conducted any investigations into fraudulent school applications since 2013.</p> <p>As set out in our published admissions booklets (available on the Newham website link provided below) there are a number of documents required to support school applications, particularly in relation to the home address. The address checking arrangements in place are conducted by each school. Should the school be unable to satisfactorily resolve any inconsistencies directly with the parent, the matter would then be referred to Pupil Services, within the Council.</p> <p>Since 2013, no such cases have been referred from any of Newham's schools and therefore no investigations have been undertaken.</p> <p>Please visit the following website for further information at  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/FindingASchoolPlaceInNewham/default.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/FindingASchoolPlaceInNewham/default.htm</a></p>
21049	08/10/2014	<p><b>Re: Sale of Property</b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p>

		<p>107-111 &amp; 133-137 High Street Stratford, London E15</p> <p>Can you kindly confirm how this land was sold e.g. by acre, by square metre or by square foot?</p> <p>Can you confirm the sizes of all individual sites</p>	<p>We have checked the status of your enquiry and can confirm that the Council has sold these sites to Landprop. It would appear that Landprop may not yet have informed the Land Registry of the transfer, hence the Land Registry search is still showing Newham Council as the owner. I would expect that Landprop will do this shortly.</p> <p>With reference, I would advise you to contact Landprop who will provide you with the remaining information you require.</p>
20983	13/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Repairs Operatives</b></p> <p>I am writing in reference to your repairs service for Council owned properties, related to some research I am doing on operative working hours, and in particular whether you do currently or have ever operated a flexi time scheme for repairs operatives.</p> <p>Could you please answer the following questions, and provide the requested information, should it be in the organisation's possession:</p> <p>Question 1: Have you ever operated a standard flexi-time scheme for repairs operatives engaged in daily housing repairs for your properties?</p> <p>Question 2: If yes, do you still operate a flexi-time scheme for operatives? If No, what working hours scheme is currently used for your repairs operatives.</p> <p>Question 3: If you do still operate a flexi-time scheme for operatives, has there been any formal move to remove this scheme, and if so, can you please supply any formal reports recommending the removal of the flexi time scheme, and supply reasons why the recommendations were not enacted.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1.No</p> <p>2.The operatives working times are: 8.15am - 4.15pm Monday - Thursday 8.15am - 3.45pm Friday</p> <p>3. No</p> <p>4. No</p>

		<p>Question 4: If you used to operate a flexi-time scheme for operatives, but now utilize a different working hours scheme, can you please indicate when the decision was made, the reasons why it was made, and provide any formal reports recommending the removal of the flexi-time scheme, including minutes of meetings when the decision was made to remove flexi time from operatives.</p>																																			
21004	10/10/2014	<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>1. Please confirm the date upon which the currently installed CCTV cameras on the corner of Great Eastern Road and Meridian Square began traffic enforcement (i.e. began giving out Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs))</p> <p>2. Provide a monthly breakdown of the total number of PCNs issued by the new cameras.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The current camera at this location was installed on 25th July 2012.</p> <p>Please see the table below which details the monthly breakdown of the number of penalty charge notices issued by this camera since installation.</p> <table> <tr><td>Aug-12</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>Sep-12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Oct-12</td><td>33</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov-12</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>Dec-12</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Jan-13</td><td>37</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb-13</td><td>33</td></tr> <tr><td>Mar-13</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Apr-13</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>May-13</td><td>64</td></tr> <tr><td>Jun-13</td><td>69</td></tr> <tr><td>Jul-13</td><td>139</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug-13</td><td>161</td></tr> <tr><td>Sep-13</td><td>221</td></tr> <tr><td>Oct-13</td><td>197</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov-13</td><td>246</td></tr> <tr><td>Dec-13</td><td>223</td></tr> </table>	Aug-12	10	Sep-12	13	Oct-12	33	Nov-12	19	Dec-12	28	Jan-13	37	Feb-13	33	Mar-13	1	Apr-13	2	May-13	64	Jun-13	69	Jul-13	139	Aug-13	161	Sep-13	221	Oct-13	197	Nov-13	246	Dec-13	223
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21008	14/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Estates passed to Treasury Solicitors</b></p> <p>All intestate estates which are being passed or have been passed to the Treasury Solicitors Department Bona Vacantia Division in the last three months. In your response please include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Their last known address</li> <li>•When they died</li> <li>•Value of the estate</li> <li>•Name of the person who has died</li> <li>•Who referred the case to the council</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at <a href="http://www.bonavacantia.gov.uk">www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>The council usually refer estates with a net value of over £500 to the Treasury Solicitor's Department. The department would then publish limited information about those valued at over £5,000, unless a claimant comes forward during the period before publication.</p> <p>In addition to this, the information you requested with regard to the date of birth and last known address are on the death certificate. This information is accessible from the General Register Office at <a href="http://www.gro.gov.uk">www.gro.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Further we rely on Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption applies where disclosure would be likely to prejudice a range of investigations and conduct, including the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing information under FOIA is equivalent to publishing it "to the world at large" and so our decision must be based on the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect Bona Vacantia (ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p>

			<p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a ‘public interest test’ is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough and the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p> <p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding this information.</p>
21006	14/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Documents sent to Parking Adjudicator and Appellant</b></p> <p>1. In respect of an appeal to the parking adjudicator please let me know whether you send exactly the same documents to the parking adjudicator as you do to the appellant. In particular please specify the documents that you send to the parking adjudicator and the appellant.</p> <p>2. If for any reason the documents you sent to the parking adjudicator are not exactly the same documents that you send to the appellant (a) please explain in detail precisely why the exactly the same documents are not sent to both parties as required and</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. The London Borough of Newham sends exactly the same documents to the Parking Adjudicator and the appellant. Please find attached is an evidence checklist, which specifies the documents that are sent.</p> <p>2. Not applicable. Please see our response to Question 1.</p>



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21005	21/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Bailiff for Council Tax non-payment</b></p> <p>I have a number of questions below and for all the responses I would like the figures broken down by quarters please in the following format:  Quarter 1 (2012/13)  Quarter 2 (2012/13)  Quarter 3 (2012/13)  Quarter 4 (2012/13)  Quarter 1 (2013/14)  Quarter 2 (2013/14)  Quarter 3 (2013/14)</p> <p>1. How many times have bailiffs been referred to households in your area on account of non-payment of council tax?</p> <p>2. How many of these households have had their possessions removed?</p> <p>3. How many of these households were evicted?</p> <p>4. What does the bailiff company charge per household for non-payment of council tax?</p> <p>5. How many households have been charged £75.00 when their case was sent to the bailiff?</p> <p>6. How many households have ignored a letter from bailiffs and been charged £235 for a visit?</p> <p>7. How many households have been charged £110 for taking and selling goods?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Please see table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Cases Received</th> <th>Income Received</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Quarter 1 2012/13</td> <td>2,242</td> <td>£268,607.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quarter 2 2012/13</td> <td>4,947</td> <td>£339,369.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quarter 3 2012/13</td> <td>2,317</td> <td>£412,977.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quarter 4 2012/13</td> <td>955</td> <td>£387,645.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quarter 1 2013/14</td> <td>No referrals made. See note below.</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quarter 2 2013/14</td> <td>1,346</td> <td>£182,236.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quarter 3 2013/14</td> <td>990</td> <td>£195,927.73</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>NB. There were no referrals made during this period as the Council Tax section did not schedule any court hearings for liability orders between February 2013 and June 2013.</p> <p>2. None.</p> <p>3. People cannot be evicted for non payment of Council Tax. It is possible that some of these households were evicted for other reasons however we would not hold data for this.</p>		Cases Received	Income Received	Quarter 1 2012/13	2,242	£268,607.35	Quarter 2 2012/13	4,947	£339,369.25	Quarter 3 2012/13	2,317	£412,977.20	Quarter 4 2012/13	955	£387,645.86	Quarter 1 2013/14	No referrals made. See note below.	-	Quarter 2 2013/14	1,346	£182,236.54	Quarter 3 2013/14	990	£195,927.73
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		<p>8. What is the total amount the council has received of the payments collected by bailiffs for the non-payment of council tax?</p>	<p>4. The bailiff companies (now more accurately referred to as Enforcement Agents) that are externally contracted by the Council for Council Tax all conform to the statutory framework of fees from 1st April 2014 and in accordance with the SI 1/2014 Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 – Schedule 12.</p> <p>5. It should be noted that the regulations in respect of the £75.00 fee quoted only came into force from 1st April 2014. The cases paid at compliance stage since 1st April 2014 is 1,312.</p> <p>6. As mentioned above, the regulations in respect of the £235.00 fee quoted only came into force from 1st April 2014. The cases paid at enforcement stage since 1st April 2014 is 420.</p> <p>7. As mentioned above, the regulations in respect of the £110.00 fee quoted only came into force from 1st April 2014. The cases paid at the sale stage since 1st April 2014 is 0.</p> <p>8. See table in question 1.</p>
21009	14/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Documents for Remuneration and Audit Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>I would like to make the following two requests:</p> <p>1. The papers, minutes and agenda for all remuneration committee meetings from 2005/06 until the present – although I do appreciate that the earlier records might not be available (e.g. mergers/demerger/deleting records etc.) and any records you have would be happily received.</p> <p>2. The papers, minutes and agenda for all audit committee meetings from 2005/06 until the present – although I do appreciate that the earlier records might not be available and any records you do have would be happily received.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>All relevant documentation in relation to Council Committee meetings is already publically available on the Newham website through our Committees web page. For your reference, please see the relevant web links below.</p> <p><a href="https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1">https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1</a></p> <p>1. <a href="https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=399">https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=399</a></p> <p>2. <a href="https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=828">https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=828</a></p> <p>It should also be noted that there may be some documentation of interest to you in the Archived Committees section of the main web page given above.</p>

21007	21/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)</b></p> <p>1. Can you state, for each year, how many occasions the council has invoked the powers of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act during the financial years of 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/14.</p> <p>2. For each instance of the powers being invoked can you provide a brief description of the reason for invoking the RIPA powers?</p> <p>3. For each instance of the powers being invoked can you state the outcome? E.g. whether a conviction was secured, a penalty notice issued or no further action was taken.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Please see below:</p> <table data-bbox="974 427 1198 523"> <tr> <td>2011/12</td> <td>48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012/13</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013/14</td> <td>17</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Please see below:</p> <p>5 instances related to Internal Audit investigations to detect fraud  4 instances related to anti-social behaviour investigations  1 instance related to an illegal street trading investigation  60 instances related to investigations of breach of licence conditions/ test purchase operations</p> <p>3. To provide this information would require an officer to manually trawl through each record of each case where RIPA has been applied, 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>However, to be of assistance, and baring in mind the vast majority of Newham use of RIPA relates to test purchasing activity, we currently have a 93% compliance rate for test purchases.503</p>	2011/12	48	2012/13	5	2013/14	17
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21013	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Monies paid to companies</b></p> <p>Please would you tell me:</p> <p>1. The total amounts of all monies paid to the following companies in the 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years:</p> <p>a) Deloitte  b) PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers)  c) EY (Ernst &amp; Young)  d) KPMG  e) Capita</p> <p>Please include all subsidiaries of these companies in your totals.</p> <p>Please provide separate figures for each of the five companies above, and please break the figures down by financial year. It should therefore be possible to see how much each of the five companies was paid in each year.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please see below the requested annual totals for the past three full financial years.</p> <p><b>Deloitte</b></p> <p>2011/12 - £0.00  2012/13 - £24,041.40  2013/14 - £22,891.20</p> <p><b>PriceWaterhouseCoopers</b></p> <p>2011/12 - £626,119.02  2012/13 - £647,258.52  2013/14 - £955,049.39</p> <p><b>Ernst and Young</b></p> <p>No payments were made to Ernst and Young in the requested time frame.</p> <p><b>KPMG</b></p> <p>2011/12 - £18,180.00  2012/13 - £65,482.20  2013/14 - £97,528.80</p> <p><b>Capita</b></p> <p><b>Capita Business Services</b></p> <p>2011/12 - £419,757.41  2012/13 - £31,557.60  2013/14 - £329,430.10</p> <p><b>Capita Education Resourcing</b></p> <p>2011/12 - £13,272.53</p>
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21010	17/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Spend on Public Health services</b></p> <p>The separate annual spend on each of these public health areas:</p> <p>Sexual Health, Drug misuse - adults, Alcohol misuse, Smoking, Obesity, Physical activity.</p> <p>I am requesting the spend for each of the public health concerns in the spending year 2014/15. Where this is not possible, the statistics for the spending year 2013/14 are acceptable so long as this is made clear in your response.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Our proposed spend, from the public health ring fenced grant, on the following areas for 2014/15 is as follows:</p> <p>Sexual Health - £7.2m Drug misuse and Alcohol misuse (adults) - they are combined treatment services for both alcohol and drugs - £3.4m Smoking (stop smoking services) - £750,000 Obesity – there is no specific obesity services commissioned - Physical activity - £2.1m</p>
21011	14/10/2014	<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>1. The number of employees employed by Newham Council.</p> <p>2. Is Newham a district council or county council?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>As of 19th September the total number of staff employed by the Council was 5,092. This total does not include schools bases staff.</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham is a district council.</p>

21014	17/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Air Conditioning Assessment Certification</b></p> <p>1. It is a legal requirement that you hold valid Air-conditioning Assessments if any building has a total of more than 12kw of air conditioning present. Certificates are valid from 5 years of the issue date. Have you undertaken a T.M44 Air-conditioning Assessment?</p> <p>2. Who is the responsible person for ensuring that your buildings are surveyed and assessed, please provide the name, address, email address and telephone number of the responsible person.</p> <p>3. If your T.M44 Certificates are in place, what is their expiry date?</p> <p>4. What was the order value of the works placed with the Company which undertook the work?</p> <p>5. Provide a breakdown of the price per building if available.</p> <p>6. How many Certificates were produced?</p> <p>7. Was the Assessor independent as required under the Regulations?</p> <p>8. Name the Assessor organisation.</p> <p>9. Do you have ISO 14001 Accreditation</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Within the FM portfolio of properties there are currently only two building that require TM 44 assessment that we are aware of. There have been two buildings recently transferred to FM which we have yet to survey.</p> <p>The buildings that will require the TM44 assessment, one is a new build less than one year old therefore we do not need to undertake an assessment for another 4 years. The second building did have a TM44 undertaken in 2009, this is now due for renewal and we will look to instruct an independent assessor within the next month.</p> <p>The remainder of the FM portfolio as it currently stands does not have any buildings with individual plant above 12KW, however the portfolio does vary as such this position is fluid, when plant is taken over that requires TM44 we will instruct an approved assessor.</p> <p>When the assessment was undertaken, the building in question was under an external Property Management Company and the assessment formed part of the overall management fee, therefore a specific cost cannot be identified.</p> <p>We have a compliance manager for the FM building portfolio that ensures compliance matters. The contact is Gary Westfallen, Facilities Management and Compliance Manager, Gary.Westfallen@newham.gov.uk, 0208 430 2000.</p> <p>The name and ID of the scheme was CIBSE certification LCEA 127553.</p>
21015	16/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: School places for Rosetta Primary school</b></p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. Please see the attached spreadsheet of the home to school distance of all pupils who</p>

		<p>1. Distances of pupils that were successful in their application for reception space Rosetta Primary school in September 2014</p> <p>2. Distances of pupils that are currently on the waiting list for a Reception space at Rosetta Primary school</p>	<p>successfully received a Reception class place for Rosetta Primary School in September 2014.</p> <p>It should be noted that this includes the distances for all of those receiving a place, including those pupils who received a place under a different allocations criteria than the home to school distance, such as sibling connection.</p> <p>2. Please see the attached spreadsheet which details the home to school distance of those currently on the waiting list for a Reception place at Rosetta Primary School.</p> <p>It should also be noted that this list may also include families who hold a higher priority in the allocations policy, such as a sibling already attending Rosetta, above the home to school distance criteria.</p>
21016	15/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Chobham Academy allocations decision</b></p> <p>1. Who in the authority took the decision to offer places to students who do not live in the Academy's catchment area and who have no plans to move within that area (namely East Village)?</p> <p>2. Why was that decision made?</p> <p>3. Why were the families that were to move on to the estate, and that have children who are eligible to attend the Academy, not offered places on the understanding that they were responsible for assuring their children attend the school in order to secure that place?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>This information is not held by the Council.</p> <p>As Chobham is an Academy, they are responsible for their own admissions. You are advised to contact the school directly:  <a href="http://www.chobhamacademy.org.uk/">http://www.chobhamacademy.org.uk/</a></p>
21017	16/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Councillors - Council Tax</b></p> <p>In the 2013/14 tax year -</p> <p>1. How many councillors were issued with</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. One Councillor received a reminder letter for payment of Council Tax in the 2013/14 financial tax year.</p>

		<p>reminder notices/letters for late council tax payments?</p> <p>2. How many councillors were issued with a court summons for late council tax payment?</p> <p>3. In each court summons case, how much was the unpaid amount?</p> <p>4. In each court summons case, how much is still outstanding?</p> <p>5. Of those cases involving councillors summoned to court, how many court cases went ahead as planned?</p> <p>6. How many cases were there where, as a result of their late payments, councillors were unable to attend/vote at the council budget-setting meeting as per the Local Government Finance Act?</p>	<p>2. None.</p> <p>3 -6. Not applicable.</p>
21050	21/10/2014	<p><b>Re: Homelessness</b></p> <p>Please find attached four questions relating to your homelessness service to which I would appreciate a response. This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Q1. Has your authority approved a policy to discharge the full homelessness duty by making a private rented sector offer?</p> <p>Q2. What incentives do you offer private landlords and letting agents accepting tenants referred by your authority? Please state which incentives relate</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please see attached questionnaire.</p>



		<p>to discharge of duty offers and which relates to homeless prevention initiatives.</p> <p>Q3. Please complete the following table for placements into privately rented accommodation in the periods given Quarterly figures</p> <p>Q.4. If you are placing households outside of London (*/** above) please state for the years 2012/13 and 2013/14:</p> <p>a) For Homelessness prevention * state name of receiving local authority area(s) and number of households placed there.</p> <p>b) For Discharge of duty ** state name of receiving local authority area(s) and number of households placed there.</p>	
21062	21/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Credits - Letter of Authority</b></p> <p>Address: Factory Road, Silvertown, London, E16 2EJ</p> <p>Accurates, a division of Colliers International, are authorised to make enquiries on behalf of General Electric (GE) and their subsidiary company names. Please find attached a letter of authorisation.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could confirm the following information for the property shown above:</p> <p>1) Details of any outstanding credits or 'write ons' which may have been actioned on the account. 2) The end date relating to these credits/write</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Council does not hold any accounts under the name of General Electrics.</p>

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21059	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: London Living Wage</b></p> <p>We are writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>The information we require relates to the use of the Living Wage in Newham. We are using the definitions used by the Living Wage Foundation of £8.80 per hour in Greater London and £7.65 per hour outside of London. Please can you tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has your local authority committed to being a Living Wage employer?</li> <li>2. Do you currently require contractors who deliver social care in your local authority to be Living Wage employers?</li> <li>3. Over the last 12 months, have tendering processes favoured (i.e. offered additional marks to) organisations which can demonstrate that they are Living Wage employers?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has your local authority committed to being a Living Wage employer?</li> </ol> <p>Yes, Newham is committed to paying all our employees the London Living wage.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Do you currently require contractors who deliver social care in your local authority to be Living Wage employers?</li> </ol> <p>We do not currently impose any obligations on external providers / contractors to pay the London Living wage to their own employees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Over the last 12 months, have tendering processes favoured (i.e. offered additional marks to) organisations which can demonstrate that they are Living Wage employers?</li> </ol> <p>We do not currently extend any favourable support to organisations in the tendering process, dependent upon whether they pay the London Living Wage.</p>
21065	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Social Workers - Adults</b></p> <p>Please provide me with the following information in relation to your local authority or health and social care trust:</p> <p>Figures relating to part-time posts should be rounded up and included within the overall figures for full-time equivalent (FTE) staff. Please do not provide a headcount.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The number of qualified social worker posts in</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The number of qualified social worker posts in adult services at 2 September 2014 including filled and unfilled posts.</li> </ol> <p>As of 2nd September 2014 there were a total of 76 (full time equivalent) qualified social workers in Adults Social Care. This figure relates to social workers in Assessment and Care Management and Mental Health and excludes management posts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The number of qualified social worker posts in adult services that were vacant at 2 September 2014 ie the number of posts unfilled by either permanent or agency staff.</li> </ol>

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21066	21/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Social Workers - Children's</b></p> <p>Please provide me with the following information in relation to your local authority or health and social care trust:</p> <p>Figures relating to part-time posts should be rounded up and included within the overall figures for full-time equivalent (FTE) staff. Please do not provide a headcount.</p> <p>1. The number of qualified social worker posts in children's services at 2 September 2014 including filled and unfilled posts.</p> <p>2. The number of qualified social worker posts in children's services that were vacant at 2 September</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The current number of directly employed qualified social workers in post in Children's services is 142. There are 45 posts unfilled (covered by agency social workers).</p> <p>2. None</p> <p>3. The current number of agency social workers (qualified) is 45.</p> <p>4. In 2012/13 the cost of agency social workers (qualified) in Children's services was £1,656,606</p> <p>In 2013/14 the cost of agency social workers (qualified) in Children's services was £2,010,206</p>				

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21078	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Home Education</b></p> <p>In November 2013 Ofsted said that in the course of inspections of services for children in need of help and protection and reviews of LSCBs, it would be asking local authorities about the number of electively home educated children known to the LA.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/inspection-handbook-inspections-of-services-for-children-need-of-help-and-protection-children-looked">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/inspection-handbook-inspections-of-services-for-children-need-of-help-and-protection-children-looked</a></p> <p><a href="http://edyourself.org/articles/socialservices.php#ofsted">http://edyourself.org/articles/socialservices.php#ofsted</a></p> <p>Could you please tell me:</p> <p>1 The number of children recorded as being home educated in your authority at the beginning of July 2013 (ie a snapshot of the number of home educated children recorded at this time)</p> <p>2 The number of children who started to be home</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1 The number of children recorded as being home educated in your authority at the beginning of July 2013 (i.e. a snapshot of the number of home educated children recorded at this time.)</p> <p>The number of children recorded as being home educated in the London Borough of Newham at the beginning of July 2013 was 202.</p> <p>2 The number of children who started to be home educated at some point during the academic year 2013-14.</p> <p>A total of 68 started in home education during the 2013/14 academic year.</p> <p>3 The number of children recorded as being home educated in your authority at the beginning of July 2014 (ie a snapshot of the number of home educated children recorded at this time)</p> <p>The number of children recorded as being home educated in the London Borough of Newham at the beginning of July 2014 was 206.</p>

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21069	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Planning Enforcement</b></p> <p>In respect of 206 High Street North, East Ham, London E6 2JA:</p> <p>1. What was the reason for the closure of planning enforcement case 04/0640/EN and what justification was given by the officer? Please provide a copy of the file note or memorandum and inspection notes where available.</p> <p>2. What was the reason for the closure of planning enforcement case 04/00566/EN and what justification was given by the officer? Please provide a copy of the file note or memorandum and inspection notes where available.</p> <p>3. Please list all inspections and investigations into this property from the Council's Environmental Health and Housing teams between 01/05/2002 and 31/12/2012, giving the date, reason for the investigation and outcome of the investigation.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>In respect of 206 High Street North, East Ham, London E6 2JA:</p> <p>1. What was the reason for the closure of planning enforcement case 04/0640/EN and what justification was given by the officer? Please provide a copy of the file note or memorandum and inspection notes where available.</p> <p>We do not hold the recorded information requested in relation to this enforcement case. Any publicly available information in relation to Planning and Enforcement cases are already publicly available on the Newham website. Please see the relevant web link below for your reference.  <a href="https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/</a></p> <p>2. What was the reason for the closure of planning enforcement case 04/00566/EN and what justification was given by the officer? Please provide a copy of the file note or memorandum and inspection notes where available.</p> <p>Please see our response to Question 1 which also applies to this enforcement case.</p> <p>3. Please list all inspections and investigations into this property from the Council's Environmental Health and Housing teams between 01/05/2002 and 31/12/2012, giving the date, reason for the investigation and outcome of the investigation.</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</p>

			<p>decided to refuse your request in regards to providing the details of inspections and investigations for the above named property over the ten year period.</p> <p>We believe the full details of the inspections to be exempt under Section 30 of the Freedom of Information Act. The data requested relates to information obtained in the course to investigations conducted by the public authority.</p> <p>We consider that these inspections undertaken by the Council to be as a part of the regulatory powers conferred on the authority to ensure compliance with the law and to determine as to whether any further enforcement action should be taken by the authority to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation. To this effect we believe it is in the public interest that the Council is able to conduct its investigations independently and in the exercise of these functions, such information relevant to those investigations should not be released into the public domain. We consider that disclosure of the information will inhibit the Council's ability to conduct its investigations in a fair, thorough and effective manner.</p> <p>Therefore, under the exemption quoted above, we maintain it is in the public's interest not to release the information requested as it could adversely prejudice the conduct of any pending or future investigations and/or prosecutions of any inspections carried out if such information were routinely released into the public domain.</p>
21071	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Taxi Licensing</b></p> <p>Public Sector FOI Request: We are making a request under the freedom of information act 2000.</p> <p>This request specifically relates solely to the issue of licensing for Hackney and Private Hire drivers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a fully copy of your current policy and procedure to approve / appoint / issue a hackney or private hire badge.</li> <li>2. Please confirm the current number of Hire</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>We do not hold this information.</p> <p>All taxi and private hire licensing within London is completed centrally by Transport for London. Your request should therefore be re-directed to TfL.</p> <p>For your reference, please see the relevant web link below  <a href="https://www.tfl.gov.uk/info-for/taxis-and-private-hire/">https://www.tfl.gov.uk/info-for/taxis-and-private-hire/</a></p>

	<p>drivers currently approved for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Hackney Hire</li><li>b. Private Hire</li><li>c. Private Ambulance</li><li>d. Others</li></ul> <p>3. Please confirm current number of licence applications received;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Number of new Hackney &amp; Private Hire licence applications annually for the past three years, or for the period of a licence usually issued.</li><li>b. Number of new Hackney &amp; Private Hire licence applications granted for the past three years, or for the period of a licence usually issued</li><li>c. Number of new Hackney &amp; Private Hire licence renewed annually for the past three years, or for the period of a licence usually issued</li></ul> <p>4. Please confirm the precise method of checking a driving licence for all approved badge holders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Physical inspection of Counterpart and Photo card<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Do you have a plan in place for when the DVLA stop issuing Counterparts in 2015</li></ul></li><li>b. Please confirm if you require the licenced holder to provide evidence of his/her driving licence being checked using a DVLA service<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Use of consent for D796 personally</li><li>ii. Use telephone conference service</li></ul></li><li>c. Please confirm if you submit D796 in the name of the Local Authority direct to DVLA and receive a data subject disclosure document.</li></ul>	
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		<p>Please confirm if you use a third party organisation registered with DVLA EDECS service.</p> <p>e. Please confirm if you use a service other than those described in c or d above.</p> <p>5. How frequently is a badge holder driving licence checked or rechecked?  a. Annually  b. Biannually  c. At renewal of badge  d. Other frequency periods, if so please state.</p> <p>6. At what level of conviction(s) or penalty points would a badge holder be revoked?</p> <p>7. Is the cost of initial and further DVLA licence checks or rechecks passed on to the badge holder, shared costs or paid in full by the authority?</p> <p>8. Do you currently use a 'licence system' such as IDOX Lalpac, Uniform, Diamond service or similar  a. Please provide the name of the service provider and service used  b. Does this service include driving licence checking services  c. If no to b. would it benefit the authority if a driving licence checking service was to be included within this type of solution, assuming the cost benefits where acceptable?</p>			
21070	21/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Emergency Temporary Accommodation</b></p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I would like to make a formal request for the information set out below regarding the use of temporary emergency</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please see Table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="981 1289 1529 1326"> <tr> <td data-bbox="981 1289 1189 1326">2011/12</td> <td data-bbox="1189 1289 1529 1326">7,688,300.00</td> </tr> </table>	2011/12	7,688,300.00
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accommodation as funded / commissioned by your local authority.

**PROVISION AND COSTS OF TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION BUDGET / SPENDING**

1. The allocated budget for funding the provision of temporary emergency accommodation during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.
2. The actual spending on temporary emergency accommodation during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.
3. Is the spending for 2014/15 expected to exceed the allocated budget, and if so, what is the current projected end-of-year outturn?
4. What is the indicative proposed budget for funding the provision of temporary emergency accommodation in 2015/16?
5. If such a figure for (4) above is not available, does the council expect to spend less or more on temporary emergency accommodation in 2015/16 than it is in the current financial year?

**HOUSEHOLDS / NIGHTS / LOCATION**

6. The number of households supported with temporary emergency accommodation during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.
7. What percentage of households provided with temporary emergency accommodation during 2013/14 had 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5+ individuals (adults and children) respectively?
8. The average length of stay (number of nights) per household in temporary or emergency accommodation during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.

<b>Budget</b>	
2012/13 Budget	7,688,300.00
2013/14 Budget	10,492,500.00
2014/15 Budget at 13/10/14	10,492,500.00

2. Please see Table below:

2011/12 Actual	7,822,726.24
2012/13 Actual	9,126,367.23
2013/14 Actual	10,213,801.30

3. Please see Table below:

2014 Budget at 13/10/14	10,492,500.00
2014/15 Forecast	15,260,000.01

		<p>9. The total number of nights of temporary emergency accommodation arranged for these households (i.e. the number of nights for all the supported households added together) during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p> <p>10. The percentage of this temporary emergency accommodation which was provided within the boundaries of the local authority area during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p> <p>11. The percentage of this temporary emergency accommodation which was provided on a commissioned basis – i.e. through facilities (B&amp;Bs, hostels etc.) which were not run / managed by the local authority – during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p> <p><b>COSTS</b></p> <p>12. The average gross cost, per household, in commissioning temporary emergency accommodation during 2013/14. This should reflect the average gross expenditure incurred per household in funding external provision (i.e. not provided by the council), for the duration of their stay in temporary emergency accommodation.</p> <p>13. The average per night gross cost, per household, in commissioning temporary emergency accommodation during 2013/14. This should reflect the average gross cost, per night, in funding external provision. If these figures are not available on a per night basis, please provide them on a weekly or monthly basis.</p> <p>14. Other than funding the revenue costs associated with purchasing temporary emergency accommodation from a provider, has the local authority made any direct or indirect capital</p>	<p>4. The budget for 2015/16 has not been set yet</p> <p>5. The Council does expect to spend less in 2014/15</p> <p>6. Please see Table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="974 427 1422 917"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Year</th> <th colspan="2">In Borough?</th> <th colspan="2">Grand Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th>No</th> <th>Yes</th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011/12</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Households</td> <td>304</td> <td>354</td> <td>658</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Total</td> <td>46%</td> <td>54%</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012/13</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Households</td> <td>518</td> <td>492</td> <td>1010</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Total</td> <td>51%</td> <td>49%</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013/14</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Households</td> <td>779</td> <td>685</td> <td>1464</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Total</td> <td>53%</td> <td>47%</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Households</td> <td>1601</td> <td>1531</td> <td>3132</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total % of Total</td> <td>51%</td> <td>49%</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>7. Please see Table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="974 1013 1995 1348"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Year</th> <th colspan="5">Household Size</th> <th colspan="2">Grand Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th>1 Party</th> <th>2 Party</th> <th>3 Party</th> <th>4 Party</th> <th>5 Party</th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011/12</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Households</td> <td>186</td> <td>117</td> <td>117</td> <td>113</td> <td>125</td> <td>658</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Total</td> <td>28%</td> <td>18%</td> <td>18%</td> <td>17%</td> <td>19%</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012/13</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Households</td> <td>243</td> <td>236</td> <td>211</td> <td>156</td> <td>164</td> <td>1010</td> <td>% of Total 24%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>23%</td> <td>21%</td> <td>15%</td> <td>16%</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	In Borough?		Grand Total		No	Yes			2011/12					Households	304	354	658		% of Total	46%	54%	100%		2012/13					Households	518	492	1010		% of Total	51%	49%	100%		2013/14					Households	779	685	1464		% of Total	53%	47%	100%		Total Households	1601	1531	3132		Total % of Total	51%	49%	100%		Year	Household Size					Grand Total		1 Party	2 Party	3 Party	4 Party	5 Party			2011/12								Households	186	117	117	113	125	658		% of Total	28%	18%	18%	17%	19%	100%		2012/13								Households	243	236	211	156	164	1010	% of Total 24%		23%	21%	15%	16%	100%		
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investment in the provision of temporary emergency accommodation either within, or beyond the boundaries of the local authority?  
 15. If the answer to (14) above is yes, what capital investment was made during each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14?

2013/14						
Households	325	309	288	254	288	1464
% of Total	22%	21%	20%	17%	20%	100%
Total Households	754	662	616	523	577	3132
Total % of Total	24%	21%	20%	17%	18%	100%

8. Please see Table below:

Year	
2011/12 Days	
Total Length Of Stay	94,374
Average Length Of Stay	119
2012/13	
Total Length Of Stay	177,902
Average Length Of Stay	145
2013/14	
Total Length Of Stay	243,323
Average Length Of Stay	132
Total Length Of Stay	515,599
Total Average Length Of Stay	134

9. Refer to Table in question 8

10. Refer to Table in question 4.

11. 100%

12. £6,976.64

13. £52.85

14. No

			15. N/A
21067	21/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Older People Services</b></p> <p>1. Who, within the local authority, has commissioning responsibility for telecare services for older people? Please provide a name, job title and contact details.</p> <p>2. What is the current Fair Access to Care eligibility threshold for community care (i.e. critical, substantial, moderate or low)?</p> <p>Please provide the following information related to telecare services for older people per year for the financial years 2010/11 through 2013/14.</p> <p>3. Spend on telecare services for older people.</p> <p>4. Number of older people in receipt of telecare services funded by the local authority.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. The lead commissioner for telecare in the Adult Social Care team is: Sam Schwab, Commissioner, <a href="mailto:sam.schwab@newham.gov.uk">sam.schwab@newham.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>2. Newham provide social services to people who have are assessed as having 'Critical' or 'Substantial' care needs.</p> <p>3. The London Borough of Newham's Adult Social Care and Housing Department's have historically funded telecare services including equipment and monitoring for both older people and younger people with care and support needs. In 2011 a charging policy for monitoring of telecare services was introduced for all customers. As a result of these factors, the amount spent specifically by the council on older people's telecare services cannot be isolated for the years requested and for just older people. This will require an offer to manually trawl through all records to establish if the service user falls within the 'older people' category, which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>4. The Council does not keep historic data on the ages of tableware service users, so it is not possible to provide the number of older people in receipt of tableware services for the years requested</p> <p>However, below is a breakdown of the total number of people in receiving tableware</p>

			<p>monitoring services as collected by the contracted telecare monitoring provider? Since October 2011, customers have paid for telecare monitoring services, although equipment has been provided by the local authority.</p> <p>The totals are taken at the end of each financial year, and include customers receiving telecare in their own home, customers living in sheltered accommodation and customers who received telecare as part of the Whole Systems Demonstrator pilot.</p> <table> <tr> <td>2010-11</td> <td>2,409</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011-12</td> <td>2,149</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012-13</td> <td>1,746</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013-14</td> <td>1,400</td> </tr> </table>	2010-11	2,409	2011-12	2,149	2012-13	1,746	2013-14	1,400
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21075	17/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates</b></p> <p>Could you please provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000:-</p> <p>Addresses, rateable values (RV), account start date, property description and occupier details of Commercial properties that are within your Billing Authority, who have a rateable value of up to £12,000 and who are eligible for, but have not received small business rate relief to date (i.e. in September 2014).</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts, rateable values and the types of relief they are eligible for but not receiving. Operationally we do not require our systems to be compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the start date of liability in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if</p>								

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21076	21/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates Credits</b></p> <p>Could you please provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000:-</p> <p>Addresses, rateable values (RV), property description and occupier details (where available) of any commercial property within your Billing Authority, that to date (i.e. in September 2014) has a credit listed on their account to the value of £1000 and above, with the date that this credit was added.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts, rateable values and the types of relief they are eligible for but not receiving. Operationally we do not require our systems to be compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the start date of liability in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p>
21077	17/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Business Rates</b></p> <p>Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000:</p> <p>The company name, address, account number, date</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts, rateable values and start dates of liability. Operationally we do not require our systems to be compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p>

		<p>liability commenced and rateable value of industrial properties within your council on an excel spreadsheet.</p>	<p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the start date of liability and rateable value. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that part of the information requested is already publically available on the Valuation Office Agency website. Please see the relevant web link below. <a href="http://www.voa.gov.uk">www.voa.gov.uk</a></p>
21095	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Request for Social Care files</b></p> <p>My mother was transferred to a care home; this was a challenge as she was living with my sister. There was a safeguarding alert raised on the 16th April with social services and trust staff. The decision to transfer my mother to a nursing home made by the social services and my mother.</p> <p>Can I please have a copy of these records? I enclose a copy of my mothers will.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></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 part of your request for information.</p> <p>Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible by other means. Any documentation compiled by the NHS or from GP's and health professionals would already be available to your client, as the personal representative of the deceased estate, under section 3 of the Access to Health Records Act 1990.</p> <p>Furthermore, the information requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 41 of the FOI Act. 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</p>

		<p>and have decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:</p> <p>“41. (1) Information is exempt information if –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and</li><li>(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.</li></ul> <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>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>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>We find that this information is exempt under Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is considered that the disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to inhibit the ability of officers and professionals involved in such cases, when deliberating or providing advice or opinion, to express themselves openly, honestly and completely and to explore every available option to meet the needs of our service users.</p> <p>Section 36 provides for exemption where disclosure would be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs. This exempts information which disclosure would likely to inhibit the free and frank provision of advice and exchange of views for the purpose of deliberation and prejudice the conduct of public affairs.</p> <p>The Council’s Proper Officer, as required by the Act, has deemed that it would not be appropriate to release the information requested in full under the provisions of section 36, as it is more in the public interest to withhold the information as release would be likely to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs, inhibit free and frank provision of advice and</p>
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21094	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: MLE in Newham Schools</b></p> <p>a) Which schools currently subscribe to the London MLE in Newham?</p> <p>b) If a school does not purchase the London MLE, will any services be withdrawn from them by Newham LA?</p> <p>c) In the NPW newsletter, schools have been informed that from September 2014 the MLE will be used by the Local Authority as the preferred medium for information exchange, important notices and general communications with schools. If schools do not use the MLE how will they receive this communication?</p> <p>d) What other MLE's are used by schools in Newham?</p> <p>e) What is the duration of your current MLE contract?</p> <p>f) When is the renewal date for the MLE contract?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. Which schools currently subscribe to the London MLE in Newham?</p> <p>All of Newham maintained schools, with the exception of two secondary schools subscribe to the London MLE.</p> <p>2. If a school does not purchase the London MLE, will any services be withdrawn from them by Newham LA?</p> <p>Access to areas managed by Newham Authority on the MLE is available and opened to all Newham primary and secondary settings. We have arranged access for non-subscribing schools for key school users within those schools. The MLE is an additional communication channel and we have not withdrawn any services from non-subscribing MLE schools.</p> <p>3. In the NPW newsletter, schools have been informed that from September 2014 the MLE will be used by the Local Authority as the preferred medium for information exchange, important notices and general communications with schools. If schools do not use the MLE how will they receive this communication?</p> <p>As above, all Newham primary and secondary settings have been granted access to relevant resources managed by the LA on the MLE. All schools/users will therefore be able to access the same information as another similar school/user. The MLE was developed in response to schools requesting a central point of access for key information and we will monitor usage and gather feedback to ensure that this is effective. Other forms of communications such as email, newsletters and the internet will continue with the MLE used to house key information in one place. This will be reviewed as necessary for the time being but will be reviewed in partnership with schools as part of the development of MLE</p> <p>4. What other MLE's are used by schools in Newham?</p>

			<p>Frontier MLE is used by the vast majority of Newham schools. Some schools may choose to use other platforms. We do not hold this information.</p> <p>5. What is the duration of your current MLE contract?</p> <p>The current London MLE contract is a five year contract and was tendered for and negotiated by London Grid for Learning (LGfL) on behalf of the consortium.</p> <p>6. When is the renewal date for the MLE contract?</p> <p>This is an LGfL contract and this information would need to be confirmed directly with LGfL.</p>
21084	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Housing in Newham</b></p> <p>1. Could you tell me what the council's policy and strategy is for affordably housing the large number of people in Newham, many of whose families have been there centuries, without adequate housing, without dumping them in Birmingham or elsewhere?</p> <p>2. Is it policy to economically cleanse the borough? If not, why is it being suggested that people leave their communities?</p> <p>3. Is there an explicit strategy for dealing with London's insane house prices?</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. Could you tell me what the council's policy and strategy is for affordably housing the large number of people in Newham, many of whose families have been there centuries, without adequate housing, without dumping them in Birmingham or elsewhere?</p> <p>Newham - along with other Councils across the UK - is experiencing a housing crisis. Government changes to the benefits policy have made London unaffordable for many. This has resulted in an influx of people moving to Newham from other parts of London which has put our private rented sector under increased pressure and restricted the number of properties available for us to house homeless families locally.</p> <p>Newham tries to provide accommodation to families locally where possible and gives due consideration to the suitability order when making offers. Unfortunately there will be circumstances where families that cannot afford to remain within London and are forced to move to cheaper areas of the country due to their benefits being capped.</p> <p>We have worked hard to create local options so that we can house as many people as possible in good quality, affordable accommodation. Like many other councils, we offer support to families to access properties in the private rented sector scheme which ensures that those finding it difficult to secure a deposit are able to rent in the private rented sector. We have also invested in the creation of Local Space, a not-for-profit landlord which provides quality</p>

			<p>temporary accommodation to tackle homelessness.</p> <p>We are doing everything we can to ensure we have good quality, affordable housing in the borough which is fairly distributed but the Government have placed Newham and many other London boroughs in an impossible situation. This is why we are forced to make offers of accommodation outside the borough to homeless residents, where no suitable local options are available.</p> <p>2. Is it policy to economically cleanse the borough? If not, why is it being suggested that people leave their communities?</p> <p>No. Please see our response to Question 1.</p> <p>3. Is there an explicit strategy for dealing with London's insane house prices?</p> <p>This is not an issue addressed at local authority level. This would be addressed at a London-wide or national level.</p>						
21089	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Job evaluation process</b></p> <p>1. What are the range of grades and pay scales used for staff in your authority? list the lowest to the highest</p> <p>2. How is the evaluation of individual posts carried out in your authority internally, externally, or a combination of both?</p> <p>3. If you use an independent job evaluation scheme what firm do you use to carry out the evaluation?</p> <p>4. If you use an independent evaluation firm are all posts evaluated by the firm? Or only posts above a certain grade/pay scale?</p> <p>5. If only posts above a certain grade / pay scale are</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1. What are the range of grades and pay scales used for staff in your authority? List the lowest to the highest</p> <p>Please see below the pay scales which lists all the pay grades from Scale 1 to SMR-F.</p> <p>1st April 2014 Pay Scales</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>GRADE</th> <th>SCP</th> <th>ANNUAL SALARY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Scale1</td> <td>4</td> <td>£14,844.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Apply £8.80 - London Living Wage</p>	GRADE	SCP	ANNUAL SALARY	Scale1	4	£14,844.00
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21092	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Compulsory Purchase Orders</b></p> <p>We would be grateful if you could provide us with information in relation to the number and details of compulsory purchase orders that your Council has promoted over the last 3 years.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Full names of the CPOs made/ confirmed by the Council since the last 3 years are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. London Borough of Newham (Rathbone Market) – Compulsory Purchase Order 2011.</li> <li>b. Newham (23 Earlham Grove, London E7 9AL) – Compulsory Purchase Order 2013.</li> <li>c. Newham (112 Capel Road, London E7 0JS) – Compulsory Purchase Order 20013 (This CPO is not yet confirmed).</li> </ul> <p>Copies of the CPO maps showing the areas affected by the CPOs are enclosed.</p>
21086	20/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Direct Payment/ Self-directed Support services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who currently provides your Direct Payment? Self-Directed Support Payroll services?</li> <li>2. How much do you pay per Service User/ Supported Person per annum for these services?</li> <li>3. Do you have a contract for these payroll services? If so when is this due for renewal/ re-tender?</li> <li>4. What is the current contract value per annum</li> <li>5. Do you have a framework contract in place for these services?</li> <li>6. How much do you give Service Users/ Supported Persons per hour that chooses to employ their own Personal Assistant?</li> <li>7. How many Service Users/ Supported Persons in your Local Authority area receive Direct Payments/ Self-Directed Support?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who currently provides your Direct Payment? Self-Directed Support Payroll services? We use two providers under framework arrangements for financial services, Hestia and Vibrance. Customers may also use other providers as and when according to their preference.</li> <li>2. How much do you pay per Service User/ Supported Person per annum for these services? Financial Services are banded by different levels of service by provider. Costs will be dependent upon the band of service being used and the chosen provider. We do not hold an average.</li> <li>3. Do you have a contract for these payroll services? If so when is this due for renewal/ re-tender? We have a framework arrangement</li> <li>4. What is the current contract value per annum Costs are driven by volume and are taken from the customers Direct Payment; therefore there is no contract value.</li> </ul>

		<p>8. Who currently provides your Direct Payment/ Self-Directed Support Managed Account and/ or Individual Service Fund Management Services?</p> <p>9. How much do you pay per Service User/ Supported Person per annum for these services?</p> <p>10. Do you have a contract for these services? If so when is this due for renewal/ re-tender?</p> <p>11. What is the current contract value per annum?</p> <p>12. Do you have a framework contract in place for these services?</p> <p>13. How many Service Users/ Supported Persons use these fund management services?</p> <p>14. Do you use a pre-paid card provider to assist in managing social care funding? If so who is your provider?</p> <p>15. What is the current cost per annum of these pre-paid card services?</p> <p>16. How many Service Users/ Supported Persons use a pre-paid card?</p> <p>17. If you do not use pre-paid card services is this an option the Council are considering for the future?</p>	<p>5. Do you have a framework contract in place for these services? Yes</p> <p>6. How much do you give Service Users/ Supported Persons per hours that choose to employ their own Personal Assistant? The amount will be dependent upon the hourly rate of pay agreed with the carer and the customer.</p> <p>7. How many Service Users/ Supported Persons in your Local Authority area receive Direct Payments/ Self-Directed Support? At present, 316 customers use an external managed account / payroll service to help manage their Direct Payments, 292 accounts are managed by our in house service and 295 customers use self-managed accounts (a number of these may contract payroll services directly from their DP.)</p> <p>8. Who currently provides your Direct Payment/ Self-Directed Support Managed Account and/ or Individual Service Fund Management Services? Hestia and Vibrance provide external financial support services, including payroll and managed accounts. We do not operate ISFs.</p> <p>9. How much do you pay per Service User/ Supported Person per annum for these services? Financial Services are banded by different levels of service by provider. Costs will be dependent upon the band of service being used and the chosen provider. We do not hold an average.</p> <p>10. Do you have a contract for these services? If so when is this due for renewal/ re-tender? We have a framework arrangement</p> <p>11. What is the current contract value per annum? Costs are driven by volume and are taken from the customers Direct Payment; therefore there is no contract value.</p> <p>12. Do you have a framework contract in place for these services? Yes</p> <p>13. How many Service Users/ Supported Persons use these fund management services?</p>
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			<p>At present, 316 customers use an external managed account / payroll service to help manage their Direct Payments, 292 accounts are managed by our in house service and 295 customers use self-managed accounts (a number of these may contract payroll services directly from their DP)</p> <p>14. Do you use a pre-paid card provider to assist in managing social care funding? If so who is your provider? This is currently being procured and implemented and therefore we do not currently hold this information.</p> <p>15. What is the current cost per annum of these pre-paid card services? Please see our response to Question 14.</p> <p>16. How many Service Users/ Supported Persons use a pre-paid card? Please see our response to Question 14.</p> <p>17. If you do not use pre-paid card services is this an option the Council are considering for the future? Please see our response to Question 14.</p>
21109	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Small Society Lotteries</b></p> <p>I would be grateful if you would provide a list of the names of your current registrations for small society lotteries within your borough</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please see the list below which details the small society lotteries currently registered with the local authority.</p> <p>Community Links Trinity Chapel- The Discovery Centre St James Church Of England School East London Chorus St Edwards Roman Catholic Primary School Gallions Primary School Painted Children St Michaels Roman Catholic Primary School Association Redeemed Christian Church Of God Trinity Chapel</p>

			<p>St Michaels Roman Catholic Church  Richard House Childrens Hospice  West Ham Football Club Limited  Cosmopolitan Athletic &amp; Social Club  Grand Bay (UK) Dominica Community Alliance  Aston Mansfield  Woodgrange Infant School  Ascension Eagles Cheerleaders  St Anne's Church</p>
21103	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Fireworks at Events</b></p> <p>Newham regularly holds fireworks displays at or near Nov 5th each year but it also has displays at the end of municipal events and festivals, such as "Under the Stars".</p> <p>(1) How much money has Newham Council spent on fireworks in each of the last four financial years?</p> <p>(2) Can you please list the events in each of the last four financial years which have involved fireworks displays in or organised by, the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>(3) What is the budget for fireworks in the current financial year?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. See below:  2010/ 2011 = £50,000.00  2011/ 2012 = £38,000.00  2012/ 2013 = £45,000.00  2013/ 2014 = £46,000.00</p> <p>2. We only hold data for events organised by Newham Council. Other fireworks displays, whether organised by groups or individuals within Newham, are not listed.</p> <p>•2010/ 2011  Under The Stars 2010 (please see Note 1 below)  Waterfront Festival 2010  Guy Fawkes Night 2010</p> <p>•2011/ 2012  Under The Stars 2011  Guy Fawkes Night 2011</p> <p>•2012/ 2013  Under The Stars 2012  Waterfront Festival 2012  Guy Fawkes Night 2012 (please see Note 2 below)</p> <p>•2013/ 2014</p>

			<p>Under The Stars 2013 Waterfront Festival 2013 Guy Fawkes Night 2013</p> <p>Note 1: Due to high winds, the fireworks were not used at this event and were repurposed for Waterfront Festival 2010 and Guy Fawkes Night 2010.</p> <p>Note 2: Due to rainwater flooding at the site of this event, the event was cancelled at a late notice. The fireworks were warehoused and then used at Under The Stars 2013 and Waterfront Festival 2013.</p> <p>3. For 2014/ 2015 = £46,000.00</p>
21105	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Leaving Care Support</b></p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide information regarding the number of care leavers that the London Borough has supported to undertake and complete a post graduate degree.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>As the number of young people who have accessed support to undertake a post graduate degree, coupled with other information which may already be in the public domain, could result in the identification of the individual care leaver, the Council has decided the withhold this information.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if disclosing the information could potentially 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>
21107	27/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Service Charges - Repairs</b></p> <p>A precise breakdown of how our annual service charge is spent in relation to the leasehold property we occupy, the freehold of which is currently owned by Newham Council.</p> <p>We also require written details of how much money</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY:</b></p> <p>INFORMATION SENT TO REQUESTER</p>

		the Council has spent on repairs and maintenance to the property over the last 20 years as the owner responsible for the external fabric of the building and communal areas.	
21113	29/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Website Hits</b></p> <p>Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following data;</p> <p>Q1. The number of times anyone has visited a webpage with a URL beginning 'http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=' using your internal systems in the last 12 months</p> <p>Q2. A list of the complete URLs referred to in Question 1</p> <p>Q3. Details on the date/times each of the URLs listed in your response to Q2 was visited</p> <p>Q4. A list of external IP addresses used by your organisation</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please note, we keep 6 months data in line with our retention policy.</p> <p>Q1. 1,732  Q2. See attached spreadsheet – Unique URLs  Q3. See attached spreadsheet – Full List with Time  Q4. 151.133.1.75 or 151.133.1.76</p>
21115	29/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Executive Interims</b></p> <p>Please could you provide me with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•How many Interims the Council have used in the last 3 years?</li> <li>•What positions within the Council the Interims have filled?</li> <li>•How much the Council has paid out for Interims in the last 3 years?</li> <li>•How many Interims have stayed working for the Council for longer than 3 months?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>By 'Executive' we refer to 'Executive Director'.</p> <p>We can confirm there have been zero Executive Directors employed on an interim basis in the last 3 years.</p>

21110	22/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business with Council</b></p> <p>1. Please state, which business directory the council uses when searching for suppliers.  2. Does a company need to have a listing in the particular business directory in order for the council to consider the company as a potential supplier?  3. What is the name of the online business directory used by the council?  4. What is the procedure in setting up a business contract with the council?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>This information is available on the Council's website and related pages:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Procurement-tenders.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Procurement-tenders.aspx</a>  <a href="http://necr.newham.gov.uk/supplierservice/">http://necr.newham.gov.uk/supplierservice/</a></p>
21111	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Public Health Funerals</b></p> <p>1. Which funeral director does the council use? What is the reasoning for using this particular funeral director?  2. Is there a contract with this funeral director?  3. What is the name of the firm, company and/or individual used by the council, in order to help find missing or unknown family members?  4. Is there a contract with this firm, company and/or individual? What is the reasoning for using this particular firm, company and/or individual?  5. When there is a council funeral taking place, if the council does not use a solicitor firm or company, who is responsible for finding missing or unknown family members?  6. Within the council who refers information to the Duchy of Cornwall, Duchy of Lancaster, Ultimus Haeres, QLTR, Farrer &amp; Co and/or Treasury Solicitor and/or Bona Vacantia? Please provide</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>All matters relating to Public Health funerals are dealt with in house by the Client Affairs team within Adults Social Care.</p> <p>The Council uses the services of Cribb and Sons funeral directors.</p> <p>Having reviewed the remainder of your request and taken into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests, we would refuse the remainder of your request.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at <a href="http://www.bonavacantia.gov.uk">www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>The council usually refer estates with a net value of over £500.00 to the Treasury Solicitor's Department. The department would then publish limited information about those valued at over £5,000, unless a claimant comes forward during the period before publication.</p> <p>In addition to this, the information you requested with regard to the date of birth and last</p>

	<p>name and contact details.</p> <p>7. Which hospitals refer deaths to the council in which a public health funeral is necessary?</p> <p>8. What are the contact details of the person (within the hospital) who refers these deaths to the council?</p> <p>9. Within the last 12 months, how many referrals has the council made to either the Duchy of Cornwall, Duchy of Lancaster, Ultimus Haeres, QLTR, Farrer &amp; Co and/or Treasury Solicitor (or Bona Vacantia)?</p> <p>10. Of the cases that have been referred (to the above mentioned bodies), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of referral made to any of the above mentioned bodies</li> <li>• Reason for not referring to the above mentioned bodies</li> <li>• The name of the deceased</li> <li>• Date of death</li> <li>• Last known address</li> <li>• Place of death</li> <li>• Date of birth</li> <li>• Have family members and/or next of kin been contacted?</li> <li>• Who contacted their family members and/or next of kin? (name and contact details)</li> </ul> <p>10. Are these details published online? Please provide URL and name of website.</p> <p>11. Are obituaries published for these funerals, in order for friends and/or family members (who are not aware of the death) to attend the funeral? What is the name of the website/publication in which these obituaries are placed?</p>	<p>known address are on the death certificate. This information is accessible from the General Register Office at <a href="http://www.gro.gov.uk">www.gro.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Furthermore we rely on Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption applies where disclosure would be likely to prejudice a range of investigations and conduct, including the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing information under FOIA is equivalent to publishing it “to the world at large” and so our decision must be based on the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect bona vacantia (ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p> <p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a ‘public interest test’ is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough and the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p> <p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding this information</p>
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21114	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : RPZ Consultations - Osborne Road</b></p> <p>Utilising the Freedom of Information legislation disclose the results of the recent CPZ survey in Osborne Road indication the number of votes cast and the number who supported the need for a CPZ.</p> <p>This should also include the likely date of implementation of the proposed CPZ assuming a majority supported this.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>A total of 234 consultation packs were delivered. Of the 84 packs returned, a total of 57 were in favour of the scheme, with the remaining 27 against.</p> <p>The likely date of implementation is at this time still unknown as Members have not yet reached a decision.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that once confirmed the outcome of the consultations in respect of Residents Parking Zones can be found on the Newham website. Please see the relevant web link below for your future reference.</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/ServiceChild/Consultations-and-changes-to-RPZs.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/ServiceChild/Consultations-and-changes-to-RPZs.aspx</a></p>
21116	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Personal Budgets Systems</b></p> <p>Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request for the following:</p> <p>1. Name, Job title, Email address and contact number for: The person responsible for implementing a personal budgets system (money set aside to pay for Adult Social Care needs)</p> <p>2. Name, Job title, Email address and contact number for:</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1-2. Samantha Lewis, Control and Assurance Project Manager is responsible for the Council's personal budgets system.</p> <p>Please see the relevant contact details below</p> <p>Email : <a href="mailto:samantha.lewis@newham.gov.uk">samantha.lewis@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Telephone : 0208 430 2000</p>

		The person responsible for procuring a personal budgets system (money set aside to pay for Adult Social Care needs)	
21202	27/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Disabled Bay PCNs</b></p> <p>In the Last TWO years how many parking tickets(PCN) have been Given on the Disabled Bay out side the Co-Op in High St South E6.and the Disabled Bay at the Junction of High Street South E6 and Marlow Road E6 the Bay situated in Marlow Rd.</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>High Street North: 11 (09/10/2013 - 09/10/2014) 13 (09/10/2012 - 09/10/2013)</p> <p>Marlow Road: 0 (09/10/2013 - 09/10/2014) 1 (09/10/2012 - 09/10/2013)</p>
21140	27/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates Credits</b></p> <p>I hereby request a list of Business Rate accounts that meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Current overpayment/credit shown if credit balance hasn't been carried forward</li> <li>2. Accounts where a 'write on' has been used since 1st April 2000 to cancel an overpayment which has not since been reversed</li> </ol> <p>I would request that the list contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ratepayer name *</li> <li>• Address of property concerned</li> <li>• Amount of overpayment/write on</li> <li>• If possible, the period/financial year relating to overpayment/credit/write on</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the reliefs they are receiving and from what date. Operationally we do not require our systems to be capable of compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the reliefs and start dates in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p>

			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.
21136	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Contracts</b></p> <p>I am trying to ascertain whether or not the contracts below have been awarded yet and if so, are you able to tell me who to?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New build housing at Kylemore Close, London E6 &amp; Tunmarsh Lane, London, E13. Submission date 20 May 2014</li> <li>2. Single storey extension to the front of the school. William Davies Primary School, Stafford Road, E7. Submission date 30 May 2014</li> <li>3. External refurbishment to a tower block. 8-118 Seymour Road, Upton Park. Submission date 23 January 2013</li> <li>4. Extension to provide a new teaching block and caretakers flat. Curwen Primary School, Atlas Road. Submission date 18 February 2014</li> <li>5. Internal and external repairs and redecoration (1-43 Green Point). 43 Green Point, Water Lane, Stafford. Submission date 14 December 2012</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>I am trying to ascertain whether or not the contracts below have been awarded yet and if so, are you able to tell me who to?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New build housing at Kylemore Close, London E6 &amp; Tunmarsh Lane, London, E13. Submission date 20 May 2014 Awarded to Lakehouse Contracts Limited (subject to contract).</li> <li>2. Single storey extension to the front of the school. William Davies Primary School, Stafford Road, E7. Submission date 30 May 2014 The returns for this tender are currently under evaluation. (NECTR Ref 7549)</li> <li>3. External refurbishment to a tower block. 8-118 Seymour Road, Upton Park. Submission date 23 January 2013 This tender has been republished and is currently live (NECTR REF: CO/PS/7666/MHP) among pre-qualified suppliers sourced from Constructionline.</li> <li>4. Extension to provide a new teaching block and caretakers flat. Curwen Primary School, Atlas Road. Submission date 18 February 2014. Recommendation to award this contract was presented at Cabinet/Mayoral Proceedings on 16 October 2014. (NECTR Ref: RS/TS/7386/CO) The minutes of this meeting will shortly be published on the web link below <a href="https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=296">https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=296</a></li> </ol>

			<p>5. Internal and external repairs and redecoration (1-43 Green Point). 43 Green Point, Water Lane, Stafford. Submission date 14 December 2012</p> <p>This tender has been republished and is currently live (NECTR REF: CO/PS/7667/MHP) among pre-qualified suppliers sourced from Constructionline and interested previous tenderers.</p>
21138	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Contracts</b></p> <p>I am trying to ascertain whether or not the contracts below have been awarded yet and if so, are you able to tell me who to?</p> <p>1. New build 12 houses, lot 1, various locations, Newham. Submission date 28 July 2014</p> <p>2. New build 16 houses, lot 4. Various locations, Newham. Submission date 28 July 2014</p> <p>3. New build 14 houses, Lot 3. Various locations, Newham. Submission date 28 July 2014</p> <p>4. New build 16 houses, lot 5. Various locations, Newham. Submission date 28 July 2014</p> <p>5. New build 44 dwellings, lot 7. 3-5 McGrath Road, E15 &amp; 659 Romford Road, E12 &amp; Stacey Avenue, E7. Submission date 28 July 2014</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>All the contracts detailed above were awarded as approved at Mayoral Proceedings on 4th September 2014.</p> <p>Please see the relevant web link below which details the outcome of the meeting and the awards of these contracts.</p> <p><a href="https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=296&amp;MIId=9770&amp;Ver=4">https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=296&amp;MIId=9770&amp;Ver=4</a></p>
21139	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates Credits</b></p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the</p>

		<p>can you provide me with the information in relation to business rates accounts in your area?</p> <p>(a) Addresses of all commercial properties that currently have a credit on their account above £1,000.</p> <p>(b) The names and addresses of the ratepayer of the property referred to in (a) if they are NOT a sole trader or individual.</p> <p>(c) The amount by which the account is in credit</p> <p>(d) The rating year that the credit arose</p> <p>(e) The date the information was generated.</p>	<p>detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the amounts of credits and years within which they arose. Operationally we do not require our systems to be capable of compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to any credits and the years generated in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit  (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p>
21174	29/10/2014	<p><b>Subject: Planning Policy</b></p> <p>1. Does the LPA have any specific planning policies or commitments to restore the relationship between planning and public health? Please provide details.</p> <p>2. Which planning policies or strategies adopted by the LPA have resulted in unforeseen public health and wellbeing benefits? Please provide details.</p> <p>3. How does the LPA assess/measure the</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>1. Health is a key issue in planning policy, reflecting priorities at national, London-wide and local levels. Health is considered throughout the Council's Local Plan, the most important policy being SP2 - Healthy Neighbourhoods - which includes the promotion of healthy eating through restricting the number of hot food takeaways; improvement of air quality; the creation of more and better jobs and homes; the encouragement of exercise through more and better public open space and the improvement of facilities for pedestrians and cyclists; and provision of health care facilities where needed in major new development schemes.</p> <p>Details can be found on the Local Plan page of the Council's website at:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Local-plan.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Local-plan.aspx</a></p>

		<p>contribution of planning policies and strategies for protecting public health and wellbeing? Please provide details.</p> <p>4. How do the LPA's planning policies and strategies integrate with the Council's joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy? Please provide details.</p> <p>5. How do the LPA's planning policies and strategies enable local residents to adopt healthier lifestyles? Please provide details.</p> <p>6. How many planning applications received by the LPA between January and December 2013 were refused on material grounds, solely relating to health and wellbeing. Please provide details of total number of planning applications refused and breakdown by determinant e.g. obesity, loneliness etc.</p>	<p>2. N/A</p> <p>3. The Council monitors a number of specific indicators that assess the effectiveness of its planning policies. Progress can be seen at: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Local-plan.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Local-plan.aspx</a></p> <p>4. The Council's planning policies are consistent with the Health and Well-Being Strategy; policies will be reviewed and updated in future if required.</p> <p>5. Please see the response to question 1 above.</p> <p>6. This information is not available in the form requested, but all planning decisions for the period can be examined via the Public Access section of the Council's website at: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Planning-applications.aspx">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Planning-applications.aspx</a></p>
21173	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates Relief</b></p> <p>In accordance with the above Act could I put you to the trouble of providing details of all properties benefiting from mandatory charitable relief in respect of payment of Business Rates? The information I require would be the Ratepayer name, address, and the period from which the relief has been granted.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the reliefs they are receiving and from what date. Operationally we do not require our systems to be capable of compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the reliefs and start dates in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The</p>

			<p>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>
21172	24/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Licensed Premises</b></p> <p>Could you please provide me with a list of all registered restaurants, bars, and night club establishments operating in your borough?  Providing their:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trading Name (i.e. name on the door)</li> <li>2. Address</li> <li>3. In the case of restaurants, the type of food served (e.g. Mediterranean, Indian, and Continental etc.)</li> <li>4. Length of time each establishment has been in operation for.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Summary</b></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 in part for information.</p> <p>Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible by other means.</p> <p>The requested information in relation to licensed premises is already publicly available through both public inspection of the Public register and by independent search of the Council's online planning and licensing portal. For your reference, please see the relevant details below.</p> <p>Under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council maintains a public register of licensed premises. The register can be inspected at the offices of the Licensing Team, 1st Floor, Town Hall Annexe, 330-354 Barking Road, London E6 2RT, between 1.45pm and 4.45pm, Monday to Friday.</p> <p>Details of licensed premises are also available on the Council website at <a href="https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&amp;searchType=LicencingApplication">https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&amp;searchType=LicencingApplication</a></p> <p>Please note that under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, licence holders are not obliged to disclose the trading names of premises, the type of food sold, or how long a</p>

			premises had been in operation prior to obtaining a licence. Therefore this information may not be held for all licences.
21199	03/11/2014	<p><b>Subject: TfL Consultation - River Crossings</b></p> <p>Could you please send me Newham Council's response to Transport for London's recent consultation on river crossings, together with any relevant advice prepared by officers, or commissioned by officers, on the matter since June 2014.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please find attached the Council's submission to Transport for London in respect of recent consultation in respect of river crossings proposals.</p>
21201	03/11/2014	<p><b>Subject: Council Workforce</b></p> <p>1. Please can I get the figures for the number of contractors working for the council on a self-employed basis? Can I get the data for the financial years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014</p> <p>2. Please can I get the figures for the number of full-time employees employed directly by the council? Can I get the data for the financial years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?</p> <p>3. Please can I get the figures for the number of workers on part-time contracts employed by the council? Can I get the data for the financial years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Q1. The Council does not hold this information. The Council engages a number of external workers, many of whom are engaged via an agency, who may or may not be regarded as self employed (for tax purposes). Equally with regards to the number of organisations who may have contracts with the Council to provide certain services or supplies, we would not hold information on the employment status of their personnel.</p> <p>Q2 and Q3. Please see below – these figures do not include schools:</p> <p>2010 Full Time: 3,577 Part Time: 1,899</p> <p>2011 Full Time: 3,890 Part Time: 1,950</p> <p>2012 Full Time: 3,777 Part Time: 1,890</p> <p>2013</p>



			<p>Full Time: 3,465 Part Time: 1,772</p> <p>2014 Full Time: 3,246 Part Time: 1,747</p>
21210	30/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates Relief</b></p> <p>I request the following information under The Freedom of Information Act 2000 about Business Rates Accounts held by your council which are in receipt of relief by virtue of being qualifying business in your Enterprise Zone. If possible could you provide in an Excel format:</p> <p>Account Name Account Reference Account Start Date Billing Authority Reference Current Charge Details of relief:     Type of relief     Date relief started     Value of the relief Full Address of the rated assessment Billing Address Occupied/Empty Status</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the reliefs they are receiving and from what date, in a specified area. Operationally we do not require our systems to be capable of compiling such reports as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the reliefs and start dates in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p>
21218	31/10/2014	<b>Subject : Business Rates Accounts</b>	<b>Summary</b>

		<p>I would like to request the following information to be supplied under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Could you please supply the details of all businesses / Non Domestic Rate payers within your Local Authority, I am seeking to source the following information : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The business Account reference</li> <li>• Business Name</li> <li>• Address</li> <li>• Their Rateable Value</li> <li>• What if any relief they receive?</li> <li>• All please include all businesses NOT currently receiving any form of local support / relief from your respective authority</li> </ul>	<p>Our computerised Business Rates system is not designed for or capable of reporting on the detail of information you have requested in relation to individual business accounts and the reliefs they are receiving and from what date, in a specified area. Operationally we do not require our systems to be capable of compiling such reports listing accounts as they are not utilised in our administration of individual accounts.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information and confirm this, an officer would be required to manually interrogate each of our accounts individually, which are in the region of 6500, to be able to identify and manually compile the level of detail you have requested for each account in relation to the reliefs and start dates in the requested time frame. This manual retrieval would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit  (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>The general information requested in relation to business rates accounts is already reasonable accessible through the information publicly available on the Valuation Office Agency website. Please see the relevant web link below.</p> <p><a href="http://www.voa.gov.uk/">http://www.voa.gov.uk/</a></p>
21234	31/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates</b></p> <p>This is a request for Business Rate information, to be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Please see below the parties liable for the payment of Business Rates at the requested location for the request time frames.</p> <p>01/04/05 - 31/03/08 : Property vacant</p>

		<p>Please provide the ratepayers name(s) in respect of the property listed below</p> <p>PT 1ST FLR UNIT 7 THAMESIDE IND ESTATE, FACTORY ROAD, LONDON E16 2HB</p> <p>Period Start 01/04/2005 Period End 31/03/2010</p> <p>Property Reference 00000420327151</p>	01/04/08 - 31/03/10 : Dockland Coaches
21260	31/10/2014	<p><b>Subject : Business Rates Data</b></p> <p>Please accept this request under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>I would be obliged if you could provide the following please:</p> <p>Please could you state whether you regularly publish data on your council's website of Business Rates accounts which have credit balances. Furthermore, if you do publish this data regularly, please could you provide a link (URL) to the area of your website in which this data is hosted? To clarify, I'm not requesting a link to the most recent file, but to the page(s) of the website where I will be able to find current data and updated versions in the future.</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>We do not publish data on the Council's website in respect of Business rates accounts which have credit balances.</p>