

# Information Governance Report

## Responses to Requests

Period: 01/02/2012 - 29/02/2012

Type	Sub Enquiry ID	Date Received	Date Responded	Service	Enquiry Details	Response Details
Public	11591	16/12/2011	01/02/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject: Various Requests for information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Audit commission reports from the period 2001 up to and including 2010 carried out by the Audit Commission</li> <li>2. Council Financial Budget, Maintenance and Repair Reports from the period 2001 through to and including 2010 for all four le</li> <li>3. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between the Council and English Heritage</li> <li>4. Councils internal procurement procedures</li> <li>5. Councils internal vetting process for vendors, contractors, building housing developers</li> <li>6. Councils list of preferred suppliers and vetting process</li> <li>7. Council list of preferred housing developers.</li> <li>8. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between the Council and any housing developers regarding Atherton.</li> <li>9. Maintenance contracts for all 4 leisure centres</li> <li>10. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Following a further review of the response given to Question 9 we have decided to exempt the information in respect of the drainage contracts. Under Section 43, information is exempt from disclosure if releasing it would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). We consider that this contract is commercially sensitive information. The London Borough of Newham will not disclose information that would prejudice commercial interests. As such, we cannot provide the contract requested. Section 43 is a qualified exemption; therefore, we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities; however, we consider that there is a greater public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.</p>

				<p>the Council and its suppliers in relation to repairs and maintenance for all 4 leisure centres?</p> <p>11. Sports England Survey completed by Davis Langdon Consultancy given to New Council in 2003 in respect of repairs and maintenance for leisure centres.</p> <p>12. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between the Council and its contractors in relation to Atherton Roof</p> <p>13. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between the Council and its contractors in relation to the pump and drainage at Atherton.</p> <p>14. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between the Council and the contractor Hardy Drainage.</p> <p>15. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between the Council and Alan Baxter and council officers in relation to Atherton</p> <p>16. Copies of any communication including emails, letters, notes and telephone conversations between the Council and any Council employee including current and previous in relation to Declaration of Conflict of Interest for register of Interests of Directorships, Partnerships, Consultancies, Trusteeships, Trade Engagements, Other Remunerated Engagements and Membership of External Committees.</p> <p>17. All documents produced in respect of the centre under regulation 4 of the control asbestos regulations 2006.</p> <p>18. Expense report for Robin Wales from the period 2001 up to and including 2010.</p>	
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Public	11637	04/01/2012	02/02/2012	Highway Records	<p>Subject : Bridge/FlyOver/Tunnel Maintenance</p> <p>1. Please could you send me a copy of the notes taken during the inspection of road bridges, tunnels or flyovers in Newham during the last two years?</p> <p>2. Also include the maintenance/repair plans that were drawn up in each case.</p> <p>I understand that only a certain number of bridges will fall under your remit, and others will fall to the Highways Agency.</p> <p>3. Therefore, could you also include any information as to the maintenance required/expected to take place on other bridges in your area, and any bridges which have been flagged up by the agency as needing repair work?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1 &amp; 2. Please find enclosed Bridge inspection log sheets – these include LBN Structures (local roads) which are managed by the Highways Asset Maintenance and LBN Structures (Principal Roads) which are managed by Transport for London.</p> <p>3. We do not hold Highways Agency's bridge inspection details. Please contact the Agency for their inspection reports: <a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk/aboutus/2304.aspx">http://www.highways.gov.uk/aboutus/2304.aspx</a></p>
Public	11633	05/01/2012	02/02/2012	CYPS - Safeguarding Assessment	<p>Subject : Safeguarding Children</p> <p>1. How many allegations of child abuse has Newham social services investigated featuring elements of witchcraft and/or exorcism and/or religious or ritualistic beliefs since January 1 2007?</p> <p>Please give a breakdown for each year stating how many allegations were received?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not keep historic records in relation to this issue and to gather this information retrospectively would greatly exceed the appropriate time limit as it would require an officer to interrogate all records dating back to 2007 to determine whether the above mentioned elements featured in investigations.</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</p>

						<p>complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>However, we have recently completed a review of cases open to Social Care and can confirm that as at 29th January 2012 there were 3044 open Children in Need cases.</p> <p>The issue of "spirit possession" was identified as a factor in 4 of these cases.</p>
Public	11639	06/01/2012	02/02/2012	Mayoral Support Team	<p>Subject : Mayor's Office Correspondence</p> <p>I would like to better understand the context of the continued failures from Newham Council. Please therefore would you provide the following information:</p> <p>Between the period 1st January 2011 to 31st December 2012:</p> <p>1) How many communications (letters, emails, fax etc) were received by the Mayors office?</p> <p>2) How many received no reply?</p> <p>3) How many related to complaints about the complaints service itself?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. A total of 3390 pieces of correspondence were received by the Mayor's Office between 1st January 2011 and 31st December 2011.</p> <p>2. Between 1st January and 31st December 2011 a total of 245 letters received no reply because they were deemed to require no further action.</p> <p>Correspondence does not receive a reply if it was sent for information only or if the same issue has been raised with another service which has already responded and therefore the matter is considered closed and work is not duplicated.</p> <p>Between 1st January and 31st December 2011 a total of 75 items of correspondence either took longer than the service target of 7 working days to receive a final response or have not yet received a full response to their original query.</p> <p>3. We have no record of any complaints being received in the requested time period made to the Mayor concerning the Complaints service itself.</p>

Public	11643	06/01/2012	02/02/2012	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject : Forced Adoptions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please can you provide me with statistics on the amount of looked after children who were placed for forced adoption, without the consent of their birth parents, by Newham Council for 2011?</li> <li>2. I would like to have an annual breakdown of the figures from 2000-2011.</li> <li>3. I would also like to know the gender of those forced into adoption.</li> <li>4. Can you please also provide me with information, as to how many of these adopted children still have contact with birth families?</li> <li>5. How many of these adopted children were considered, first, for placement with extended family?</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Unfortunately we are unable to extract this information from data recorded on our systems. It may be useful to note that it is not possible to specifically record the nature of adoption proceedings as a field for inputting on our computerised systems</p> <p>Therefore in order to retrieve this information an officer would have to manually interrogate each of the individual adoption files in order to determine the background and nature of the relocation of the children subject to an adoption order and determine in turn as to whether or not that adoption was progressed without the consent of the birth parents. There are in excess of 220 adoption files to review and in order to retrieve the requested information it would be necessary to review any number of child/family assessments, child protection portfolios, social worker reports, placement reports, references and adoption panel reports held in the file.</p> <p>It may not be obvious from a brief scan of a file to determine as to whether the adoption was forced and therefore to thoroughly review each adoption file, dependent upon size and number of documents, may take a number of hours to retrieve the requested information. This 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 have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit  (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p>
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Organisation	11641	06/01/2012	02/02/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject : Public Health Funeral-No Next of Kin</p> <p>I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act to establish how many public health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitor, or Duchy, or QLTR from Oct 2011 to the date of your response.</p> <p>I would be most grateful if you could supply me with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of the Deceased (including maiden name)</li> <li>• Date and Place of Death</li> <li>• Date and Place of Birth</li> <li>• Last known residence for the deceased</li> <li>• Whether next of kin have been traced</li> <li>• Value of the Estate</li> <li>• Date on which referred/due to be referred to the Treasury Solicitor or Duchy or QLTR</li> </ul>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There has been one public health funeral held since October 2011. This has not yet been referred to the Treasury Solicitor.</p> <p>We would however refuse the other aspects of your request, having taken into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at <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</p>
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						<p>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>
Public Bodies	11646	06/01/2012	02/02/2012	Housing Options Centre	<p>Subject: Bond scheme</p> <p>Could you tell me how much you pay landlords for rds properties?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council pay a Bond equal to one month rent and also an incentive payment to Landlords who let their property through the</p>

					Do you pay incentive, or bond? How much is it you pay to landlords?	Bond scheme.  This is a one off payment of £1,000 for One and Two bedroom properties and £500 for three, four and five bedroom properties.														
Organisation	11651	09/01/2012	02/02/2012	Insurance, Treasury Management; Superannuation Fund	<p>Subject: Highways claims</p> <p>We would therefore like to submit the following Freedom of Information Act request which relates to footway and cycleway 3rd party liability claims and payments by your authority.</p> <p>Could you please supply the following four pieces of information;</p> <p>Average cost of a footway 3rd party liability claim. Average cost actually paid out for footway claims.</p> <p>Average cost of a cycleway 3rd party liability claim. Average cost actually paid out for cycleway claims.</p> <p>Cost in this instance should exclude officer time and only include direct value of claims and actual direct payments made.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below the average amount paid out in respect of successful footway claims. For your reference, we have provided the average payments made for each of the last five years.</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Average Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>£4,919.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>£3,740.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>£3,652.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>£3,308.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>£1,553.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>£3.76 (to date)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The year of the averages provided represents the date of the incident, not when payment was made. There have been very few payments made for claims that arose in 2011 as most of these are still being investigated or have not yet had any payments made on them. It is this factor which would account for the exceptionally low figure quoted for 2011 thus far.</p> <p>2. We do not hold information specifically in respect of claims arising in relation to cycle ways.</p>	Average Payment		2006	£4,919.14	2007	£3,740.16	2008	£3,652.34	2009	£3,308.74	2010	£1,553.35	2011	£3.76 (to date)
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Public	11622	30/12/2011	03/02/2012	Regeneration Projects	<p>Subject : Royal Albert Dock Development</p> <p>Please could you inform me as to what has happened to the public space as described below that was situated at The Royal Albert Dock,</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>In clarifying the location of the Royal Albert Piazza, it was identified it was contained within the planning application for the redevelopment of the Royal Albert Dock Northside in 1994 under</p>														

					<p>commissioned by LDDC at a cost of £2.5 million that now seems to have disappeared?</p> <p>Royal Albert Piazza * Landscape Institute Award 1997 Client: LDDC Designer: LDC Ltd</p>	<p>Planning Application 94/0721. <a href="http://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage">http://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage</a></p> <p>At that time the London Docklands Development Corporation, where responsible for the development of the Royal Albert area and as you have identified commissioned the landscaping of the north side of the dock, including the Royal Albert piazza.</p> <p>In 1997 further development of the area was approved as part of the Royals Business Park development by the LDDC.</p> <p>A further planning application was submitted in 2001 by the Royals Business Park Limited and the London Development Agency for the construction of an office building, Reference 01/1128. The full application report for this development can be found on the Newham planning portal on the link below</p> <p><a href="http://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=ZZYFIJYXC351">http://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=ZZYFIJYXC351</a></p> <p>From the plans and the associated report and following planning approval, it is evident that the construction of the office building took place on the site of the Albert Square/Piazza. Today this office building is known as Newham Dockside.</p>
Public	11638	06/01/2012	03/02/2012	Corporate Complaints and Ombudsman	<p>Subject : Complaints/Referral to LGO</p> <p>For the period 1st January 2011 - 31 December 2011 please tell me:</p> <p>1) How many complaints were received by the Newham Complaints service in this period Sub-questions, if information is held: 1a) How many of these complaints were motor</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>For the period 1st January 2011 - 31 December 2011 please tell me:</p> <p>1) How many complaints were received by the Newham Complaints service in this period? Response: 1819 complaints were received. (This figure does not include Social Care complaints which are deal with under statutory procedures).</p>

					<p>traffic related</p> <p>1b) How many of these complaints were made about the Complaints Service itself</p> <p>2) How many complaints were referred to the Local Government Ombudsman in this period</p> <p>3) How many complaints did the Local Government Ombudsman rule on in this period, number to be split into findings in favour of the council and the complainant?</p>	<p>Sub-questions, if information is held:</p> <p>1a) How many of these complaints were motor traffic related? Response: 460 of these complaints related to Highways and Parking.</p> <p>1b) How many of these complaints were made about the Complaints Service itself? Response: No complaints were received about the Complaints Service during this period.</p> <p>2) How many complaints were referred to the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) in this period? Response: 142 complaints were referred to the LGO.</p> <p>3) How many complaints did the Local Government Ombudsman rule on in this period, number to be split into findings in favour of the council and the complainant? Response: Please see breakdown of findings below: Not pursued = 25 No Maladministration = 3 Premature = 45 Outside Jurisdiction = 19 Ombudsman's Discretion = 8 Local Settlement = 9</p>
Public	11642	06/01/2012	03/02/2012	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject : Outstanding Housing Benefit Claims</p> <p>Will you now please tell me</p> <p>1. The number of outstanding Housing Benefit (LHA) Claims the Borough has yet to process, as of today (06.01.12) By outstanding, I mean claims that are now more than 14 days past the point where all information has been submitted to the borough by</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) It is not possible for us to determine how many claims are outstanding more than 14 days having received all information as the date on which all information was received is not recorded until a claim is decided. A manual exercise to determine whether or not all outstanding claims on that date had sufficient information would have taken longer than 2.5 days to complete.</p>

				<p>the claimant.</p> <p>2. If available, please also give numbers still outstanding after 21 days, 28 days, 35 days and 42 days. By outstanding, I mean claims where no payment has yet been made.</p> <p>Please indicate how long it will be before the borough will be able to process claims and make payment within the 14 days prescribed in the statutes</p>	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>We are able to provide data relating to claims decided within 14 days of receiving all information for the period from 1st April 2011 to 31st December 2011 which provides an indication of our performance in this area:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Decided within 14 days of all information?</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>% within 14 days</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Apr</td> <td>450</td> <td>272</td> <td>62%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May</td> <td>452</td> <td>301</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jun</td> <td>488</td> <td>265</td> <td>65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jul</td> <td>506</td> <td>224</td> <td>69%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug</td> <td>429</td> <td>192</td> <td>69%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep</td> <td>490</td> <td>197</td> <td>71%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct</td> <td>447</td> <td>106</td> <td>81%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov</td> <td>566</td> <td>70</td> <td>89%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec</td> <td>424</td> <td>60</td> <td>88%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2) It is not possible to provide a breakdown by the number of days as requested for the reasons stated above. We are able to provide data relating to the number of days between all necessary information being received and a claim decided fro the period 1st April 2011 to 31st December 2011 which provides an indication of</p>	Decided within 14 days of all information?				Month	Yes	No	% within 14 days	Apr	450	272	62%	May	452	301	60%	Jun	488	265	65%	Jul	506	224	69%	Aug	429	192	69%	Sep	490	197	71%	Oct	447	106	81%	Nov	566	70	89%	Dec	424	60	88%
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Business	11649	09/01/2012	03/02/2012	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject : Olympic Bid - Costs</p> <p>I would like to receive any figures that Newham Council may hold regarding its public backing of the potential move of West Ham United FC to the Stratford Olympic Stadium following the 2012 Olympic Games. I would like to know the:</p> <p>1) Total Expenditure 2) Total Man-hours</p> <p>Newham Council have spent since January 2011.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The estimated spend by London Borough of Newham for the stadium process from the start of the process (March 2010) to the time the Olympic Park Legacy Company terminated the process (October 2011) were £987,916. The costs include legal, financial and technical advice, including legal advice received in the defence of legal challenges to the bid.</p> <p>We have estimated that of these costs £877,499 were incurred between January 2011 and the termination of the process by the Olympic Park Legacy Company in October 2011. The costs are estimates as the January 2011 date falls during a phase of the “bidding process” for which a number of invoices were submitted to cover a period from September 2011 to March 2011.</p> <p>2. The Council does not record person hours for specific projects.</p> <p>Therefore it is not possible to provide exact information relating to person hours spent on the stadium since January 2011.</p>																																																																	

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Organisation	11647	09/01/2012	03/02/2012	Highway Records	<p>Subject : Highways Maintenance - Pot Holes</p> <p>1. How many pot holes have you had to repair in 2011/2010/2009/2008/2007/2006?</p> <p>2. What was the cost of repairing pot holes in 2011/2010/2009/2008/2007/2006?</p> <p>3. How much have you paid out in compensation for injuries or damage to vehicles / bicycles etc directly resulting from pot hole related incidents in 2011/2010/2009/2008/2007/2006 and on which roads? Please provide a breakdown for incidents involving an injury (and any deaths) and a breakdown of those involving damage to a vehicle or bicycle.</p> <p>4. Which road(s) have suffered most from pot hole related accidents in 2011? Please supply details of the road that has had the most repairs made in 2011.</p> <p>5. What is your policy for repairing pot holes – i.e. what is the trigger for repairing (constituent complaints or council spots issues and act)?</p> <p>6. What is the average time between a pot hole being reported and a pot hole being repaired?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below number of pot holes repaired:  2006/07 – Information no longer held as a new system was introduced in 2009  2007/08 – Information not held  2008/09 – Information not held  2009/10 – Approximately 5000*  2010/11 – Approximately 7000*</p> <p>* To provide exact figures would involve extracting information from individual orders which would exceed the appropriate time limit. Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit  (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>2. Please see below cost of carriageway repairs (which includes but is not limited to potholes):</p> <p>2006/07 - £266,000  2007/08 - £356,000</p>

2008/09 - £512,000  
 2009/10 - £641,000  
 2010/11 - £1,360,000

3. Please see below table which sets out claims and compensation in the years requested:

	Total Claims Vehicle (£)	Vehicle Injury (£)	Injury Bicycle (£)	Bicycle
2006	7 1	0	2 22700	4
157.7				
2007	13 0	3341.18	8	5 0
2008	22 0	8124.25	13	10 0
2009	32 1	5495.18	24	8 0
2010	80 1	12782.25	63	16 0
2011	42 6	4491.17	30	9 1100

Please note that a claim for a vehicle or a bicycle can contain some injury element as well as damage to the car/bike (this applies to 5 claims above). In 2011 there were 3 claims which involved damage to a bicycle and also personal injury to the rider. So there were 42 individual claims, however 3 of them have been counted twice due to the dual aspect noted above. In 2008/2009 there was 1 claim each year which involved damage to a car & injury to the driver in the same claim.

4. This data has not previously been collated; to collate it would require an officer to interrogate a vast amount of data which would exceed the appropriate time limit. Under the Freedom of

						<p>Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit  (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>5. The trigger level for repairing potholes is 25mm.</p> <p>6. Response dependant on risk posed by defect, 'make safe' carried out within 2 hours, followed by permanent reinstatement between 10 - 28 days.</p>																					
Media	11645	09/01/2012	03/02/2012	Highway Maintenance	<p>Subject : Metal Theft</p> <p>Please provide me with information on every instance of metal theft in the borough in November 2011. I require the following information: location of incident, what was stolen, the cost of the metal stolen and any additional costs incurred as a result of the theft.</p>	<p>Summary;</p> <p>Please see below the recorded instances of metal theft which occurred in Newham in November 2011.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>LOCATION</th> <th>ITEM STOLEN</th> <th>TOTAL COST OF THEFT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wharfside Road, Canning Town</td> <td>Gulley covers</td> <td>£958</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wharfside Road, off Bidder Street</td> <td>Gulley covers</td> <td>£331</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manor Road, Canning Town</td> <td>Gulley covers</td> <td>£431</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stone Wall, Beckton</td> <td>Gulley covers</td> <td>£371</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clarence Road, E16</td> <td>Gulley covers</td> <td>£297</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tollgate Road, Beckton</td> <td>Gulley covers</td> <td>£297</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It should be noted that this information relates to the total number of instances of metal theft which were recorded and for which it was the responsibility of the Council to replace. There may have been further instances of metal theft which occurred but which were not reported or were experienced on private property, for which we</p>	LOCATION	ITEM STOLEN	TOTAL COST OF THEFT	Wharfside Road, Canning Town	Gulley covers	£958	Wharfside Road, off Bidder Street	Gulley covers	£331	Manor Road, Canning Town	Gulley covers	£431	Stone Wall, Beckton	Gulley covers	£371	Clarence Road, E16	Gulley covers	£297	Tollgate Road, Beckton	Gulley covers	£297
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Public	11644	09/01/2012	03/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>I am writing to you to request for the latest data or information in the following listed areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All the hourly rate charges of private care providers who are proving basic personal care services to all clients funded by the council.</li> <li>2. All the hourly rate charges of private care providers who are proving specialist care ( i.e. Palliative care and others) services to all clients funded by the council</li> <li>3. The hourly rate the council pays its care assistant who are in house</li> <li>4.The amount available per hour to all qualified clients under the direct payment and individual budget arrangement</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case the exemption under Section 43 (2) of Act applies and has decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>Under Section 43, information is exempt from disclosure if releasing it would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). We consider that this information is commercially sensitive as we are about to enter into a tender process for this type of provision. The London Borough of Newham will not disclose information that would prejudice the commercial interests of any company. As such, we cannot provide the document requested.</p> <p>Section 43 is a qualified exemption; therefore, we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities; however, we consider that there is a greater public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.</p>
Public	11676	10/01/2012	03/02/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: PCNS</p> <p>On the 21st October 2011 a number of cars were issued with PCN's and some were towed away to Newham Car Pound that was parked on Gibbins</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>a) How many cars were issued PCN's on 21st October 2011 in Gibbins Road? Response: 28</p>

					<p>Road, Stratford. Can you please tell me;</p> <p>a) How many cars were issued PCN's on 21st October 2011 in Gibbins Road</p> <p>b) How cars were towed away to Newham's car pound on 21st October 2011 from Gibbins Road</p> <p>C) How many people appealed their PCN's and tow away tickets from the 21st October 2011 that were parked in Gibbins Road.</p>	<p>b) How cars were towed away to Newham's car pound on 21st October 2011 from Gibbins Road? Response: 7</p> <p>C) How many people appealed their PCN's and tow away tickets from the 21st October 2011 that were parked in Gibbins Road? Response: 3</p>
Public	11678	11/01/2012	03/02/2012	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Safety inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dates of all safety inspections undertaken on Claremont Road, Forest Gate, E7 over the past 2 years.</li> <li>- Details of all carriageway defects identified on Claremont Road, E7 during safety inspections over the past 2 years.</li> <li>-Details of how carriageway safety inspections are undertaken, including whether walked or driven, the speed of the inspection vehicle and the number of persons in the vehicle.</li> <li>-The intended frequency of carriageway safety inspections.</li> <li>-Details of all complaints and/or enquiries</li> </ul>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find details of inspections and defects attached. All inspections are walked. Please also find attached the hierarchy, defect intervention criteria and response times.</p> <p>From 1st April 2012 the Council is adopting a new policy based on Risk Management which is enshrined in the Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management.</p>
Public	11680	11/01/2012	03/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Headcount/pay grades</p> <p>1)For each of the last five years, headcount of Council staff, in post at the beginning of the relevant year, who have moved out of the council by the end of the year?</p> <p>2) For each of the last five years, what headcount of Council staff, in post at the beginning of the relevant year, who have moved out of the council by the end of the year? Split by the following</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached spreadsheets. Please note that the salary ranges quoted were incorrect. We have used the relevant ranges for London Borough of Newham and have included data for all non-schools based staff.</p>

					<p>National Joint Council for Local Government Service salary scale categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-17 (or equivalent),</li> <li>18-33 (or equivalent)</li> <li>34-49 (or equivalent)</li> <li>50-65 (or equivalent)</li> <li>at Chief/Senior Officers pay scales (or equivalent)</li> </ol> <p>I would be grateful if you could contact me in the event that you judge this query to overrun on cost. In such an event could you provide me with ways and means by which I can amend this query so that its manageable within your own cost guidelines.- Further to Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), Should you require any further information, such as a phone number please let me know.</p> <p>My own suggestion would be to provide the answers for question 1-5 starting with the most recent year (2011) and go back in time as far as cost permits.</p>	
Public	11727	16/01/2012	03/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>I am writing to ask if you have</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turning down care packages in the last year or</li> <li>Delay any care packages which come within the usual criteria in the last year or</li> <li>Changed the criteria in the last year, and if so how</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1 &amp; 2) 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</p>

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Business	11730	16/01/2012	03/02/2012	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject : Land Use Classification</p> <p>I am seeking documentation/policy detailing the Council's approach in respect of the classification of -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Land Use Class of meat processing in general terms; and</li> <li>2. The Land Use Class of “boning” and “cutting of carcasses” where the meat is for human consumption</li> </ol> <p>I am seeking evidence of the Council’s approach to determining whether a Land Use falls within Class B1 or Class B2.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not have a formal classification for such uses- each case will be looked at on its individual merits and each case will be different. It also depends on what's involved with the 'processing' and how that fits into considerations of the wider planning unit. There is no Council policy documentation relevant to such determinations.</p>
Public	11677	10/01/2012	07/02/2012	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Housing Benefit</p> <p>Under the FOI rights, I would like to request the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for the period 2000 to 2011, how many people have claimed housing benefit and their ethnic / religious background (if declared).</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please see below a table outlining the number of benefit claims which were received from April 2003 onwards, by financial year. We no longer hold information in respect of benefit claims which were made prior to 2003.</li> </ol> <p>It should be noted that our systems are only able to provide data on new claims which have been received and the figure below refers to</p>

				<p>2) for the period 2000 to 2011, how many people have claimed job seeker benefits and their ethnic / religious background (if declared)</p> <p>If possible can you provide ethnic and religious backgrounds by percentages for each year?</p> <p>Look forward to receive the response in 20 calendar days.</p>	<p>the count of actual claims and not the number of claimants. Therefore it should also be noted that those applying for both housing benefit and council tax benefit would be counted twice in the numbers of claims stated below.</p> <table data-bbox="1435 395 1702 678"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>No. of claims</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>15,379</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td>20,820</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/09</td> <td>21,786</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007/08</td> <td>18,997</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006/07</td> <td>18,776</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005/06</td> <td>22,528</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004/05</td> <td>23,382</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003/04</td> <td>29,559</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Our systems do not hold information in relation to the ethnicity of claimants which would allow us to report on the number of claims by ethnicity.</p> <p>We did however conduct a monitoring exercise between 2003 - 2005 whereby the ethnicity stated on new benefit claim forms was collated for the purpose of this particular project. For your reference, please see this information in the table below. It should additionally be noted that this information was collated from the forms actually completed for new claims and therefore there is a margin of difference between the total claims figure given in the breakdown by ethnicity table below and the annual total of claims given in the table above. This is attributable to where individual claimants may have submitted duplicate/amended circumstances claim forms.</p> <table data-bbox="1473 1197 2094 1345"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Ethnic Group Categories</th> <th colspan="2">Overall for year 2003/2004</th> <th colspan="2">Overall for year 2004/2005</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Number of forms rec'd</th> <th>% of forms rec'd</th> <th>Number of forms rec'd</th> <th>% of forms rec'd</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	No. of claims	2010/11	15,379	2009/10	20,820	2008/09	21,786	2007/08	18,997	2006/07	18,776	2005/06	22,528	2004/05	23,382	2003/04	29,559	Ethnic Group Categories	Overall for year 2003/2004		Overall for year 2004/2005		Number of forms rec'd	% of forms rec'd	Number of forms rec'd	% of forms rec'd					
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						<b>White</b>	4440	14.4%	5907	23.0%
						British	3578	11.6%	4558	17.8%
						Eastern European	-	-	294	1.1%
						Irish	93	0.3%	94	0.4%
						Other European	483	1.6%	822	3.2%
						Other White	286	0.9%	139	0.5%
						<b>Asian</b>	3873	12.6%	4124	16.1%
						Bangladeshi	1306	4.2%	1372	5.4%
						Indian	775	2.5%	892	3.5%
						Other Asian	825	2.7%	702	2.7%
						Pakistani	967	3.1%	1065	4.2%
						Tamil	-	-	93	0.4%
						<b>Black</b>	3260	10.6%	3750	12.2%
						African	1949	6.3%	1497	5.8%
						Caribbean	922	3.0%	983	3.8%
						Nigerian	-	-	173	0.7%
						Other Black	389	1.3%	237	0.9%
						Other Black African	-	-	531	2.1%
						Somali	-	-	329	1.3%
						<b>Chinese and other countries</b>	161	0.5%	375	1.5%
						Chinese	66	0.2%	67	0.3%
						Other Countries	95	0.3%	308	1.2%
						<b>Mixed</b>	185	0.6%	148	0.6%
						Other Mixed	97	0.3%	61	0.2%
						White and Asian	14	0.0%	19	0.1%
						White and Black African	43	0.1%	24	0.1%
						White and Black Caribbean	31	0.1%	44	0.2%
						<b>Not Known</b>	18883	61.3%	11326	44.2%
						Information Declined	864	2.8%	1231	4.8%

Not Known	18019	58.5%	10095	39.4%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>30802</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25630</b>	<b>100%</b>

Analysis of receipt of claims based on ethnicity was not carried out before and did not continue after this date. We are unable to carry out any retrospective analysis pre-April 2006 due to changes in the benefits IT system. With the implementation of a new IT system in April 2006 and a further change in February 2011 ethnicity data is not held on our housing benefits system.

Please also see a link below which provides further statistical information in respect of the benefits claimed by Newham's residents, which may be of interest to you.

<http://www.newham.info/profiles/profile?profileId=136&geoTypeId=6&geoIds=00BB#iasProfileSection3>

2. We do not hold information in respect of whether residents have claimed job seeker benefits.

Job Seeker Benefits are administered by the Department of Works and Pensions and at a local level via Job Centre Plus. For your ease of reference, part of the information you have requested may be found on the DWP website. Please see below the relevant link.

[http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=jsa\\_qse](http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=jsa_qse)

Media	11675	10/01/2012	07/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	Subject: Respite Care/ Short breaks  1. Please tell me how much funding your local authority received in 2009-10, 2010-11 and how much you are expecting for 2011 - 2012 from Central Government towards respite care/short breaks?	Summary:  1. We do not receive any funds from Central Government which are specifically ring fenced to be spent on respite care and short term breaks.  2-3. Unfortunately we are unable to extract this information accurately from our computerised system. Although expenditure

				<p>2. Please tell me how much on your local authority spent, is spending and intends to spend on providing additional hours and nights of respite care/short breaks in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011 -12?</p> <p>3. Please tell me how many hours of respite care your Local Authority has provided, are providing, intends to provide in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011 -2012.</p>	<p>and hours related to respite care and short term breaks would be recorded on our systems, following a review of the reporting facility for this field, we have found that accurate and qualitative information on this spend cannot be extracted from our system. Due to a number of different fields and options available to those inputting the information into our system, it is not possible to now accurately determine which expenditure may be differentiated from respite or short term care and the usual care packages provided to service users. We are now looking into revising the reporting element of social care provision on our systems and their classification in enable us to provide accurate reporting in the future.</p> <p>Without the availability of computerised records to reconcile the actual spend and hours in relation to the provision of respite and short term care, in order to now retrieve this information an officer would be required to interrogate each service users' social care file. In order to manually review each individual file and identify the hours and spend related to any respite or short term care provision which may have been extended to service users, would exceed the appropriate time limit. 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 the projection for respite care for the current financial year is £654,300.</p>
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Media	11679	11/01/2012	07/02/2012	Registrars Service	<p><b>Subject: Public Funerals</b></p> <p>From 2008-present, how many people in the borough have been buried in so-called "paupers graves" i.e. - where the council pays for the full burial.</p> <p>Could you please break it down by year and also identify the age-ranges and sex for those burials too please.</p> <p>If there is time within this request, could you also tell me what your council burial consists of please?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Our records show there has only been one full burial which has been completed by the Council since 2008. For your reference, a number of other public funerals have been completed by the Council in this time period but the funeral involved the cremation of the individual whom had passed away, as opposed to a burial. Please see below the total number of these public health funerals which the Council has completed in this period.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1451 580 2114 1331"> <thead> <tr> <th>YEAR</th> <th>YEAR OF BIRTH</th> <th>FUNERAL</th> <th>GENDER</th> <th>COST</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2008</b></td> <td>1961</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Female</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1924</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1942</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Unknown</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2008/2009</b></td> <td>1956</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1947</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Female</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Unknown</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1929</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1920</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Female</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1949</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1957</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 388.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2009</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1959</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Female</td> <td>£ 392.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1928</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 392.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1946</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 392.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2009/2010</b></td> <td>1966</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 392.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1941</td> <td>Cremation</td> <td>Male</td> <td>£ 392.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	YEAR	YEAR OF BIRTH	FUNERAL	GENDER	COST						<b>2008</b>	1961	Cremation	Female	£ 388.00		1924	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00		1942	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00		Unknown	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00	<b>2008/2009</b>	1956	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00		1947	Cremation	Female	£ 388.00		Unknown	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00		1929	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00		1920	Cremation	Female	£ 388.00		1949	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00		1957	Cremation	Male	£ 388.00	<b>2009</b>						1959	Cremation	Female	£ 392.00		1928	Cremation	Male	£ 392.00		1946	Cremation	Male	£ 392.00	<b>2009/2010</b>	1966	Cremation	Male	£ 392.00		1941	Cremation	Male	£ 392.00
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Public	11700	12/01/2012	07/02/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject : Public Health Funerals</p> <p>From August 2011 until present day how many public health funerals has your organisation performed or will be performing. The names (including maiden names), date of death, dates of birth and last known residence for the deceased. Whether next of kin have been located</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There have been two public health funerals held since August 2011.</p> <p>We would however refuse the other aspects of your request, having taken into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not</p>																																																																																																														

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						<p>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>
Public	11685	12/01/2012	07/02/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Police presence in schools</p> <p>Please could you tell me how many schools in your area have police officers regularly at the school's site? Please give the total number of schools which had a police presence every year for the last four academic years (i.e. 2007/'08, 2008/'09, 2009/'10, 2010/'11).</p> <p>If possible, it would be useful also to have the names of the schools. However, if this is not possible that is fine.</p> <p>NB: police presence at schools should be defined as</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold this information.</p> <p>Information in respect of the regular presence of police officers onsite would be held by the individual schools.</p> <p>For your reference please see below a link to the Newham website advising of the names, addresses and contact details of Newham's schools</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsdirectory">http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsdirectory</a></p>

					any regular assistance given by police (including community support officers etc.) for dealing with pupils, e.g. in the playground or to assist with pupils leaving the school at the end of the day. It should not include incidents where police were called to the school as a one-off, but only where there is regular agreement between the school and the police. Purposes of police presence could be, but are not limited to, controlling pupils' behaviour, ensuring that pupils are not carrying drugs or knives, preventing bullying, helping to get large numbers of pupils on to buses at the end of the day, etc.	
Organisation	11698	12/01/2012	07/02/2012	Buildings and Facilities Management	<p>Subject : Clean Air Filters in Council Buildings</p> <p>On behalf of Clean Air in London I wish to know which buildings owned, occupied or managed by the Local Authority use regularly maintained air filters that comply fully with European guideline EN 13779 e.g. offices and schools.</p> <p>By way of background only, please see a copy of the Mayor of London's recent response to a similar request:</p> <p><a href="http://mqt.london.gov.uk/mqt/public/question.do?id=38488">http://mqt.london.gov.uk/mqt/public/question.do?id=38488</a></p> <p>I understand I do not have to specify particular files or documents and that it is the Local Authority's responsibility to provide the information I require.</p>	<p>Summary</p> <p>Please find attached the list of Council owned or managed buildings which use regularly maintained and fully compliant EN 13779 air filters.</p>
Business	11705	13/01/2012	08/02/2012	Parking & Car	Subject: Machines - parking fee	Summary:

				<p>Parks</p> <p>1) How many machines have been installed for collecting parking fee under Newham Council?  2) How many various categories are available (Pay and Display etc) for these machines and what is the break up of numbers?  3) How many private vendors are engaged and how many machines are directly operated by the council?  4) How much revenue is generated by council from Parking on a monthly basis? An average number from past 6 months will do.  5) How much cost is involved in doing a set up for 1 machine?  6) How much operational cost is involved to operate 1 machine and what is the break up operational costs (like salary of staff, 3rd party etc).  7) Is there specific cost allocated for collection of coins/notes from the machines? If yes, how much?  8) Can you please provide the data for all machines for parking charges versus time allowed to park?  9) How many machines have ability to return the change?  10) Apart from fixed slabs, how many machines have intelligence to calculate the time a car is allowed to park? For example, if a fixed slab is on hourly basis for £2 and someone puts in £3, can a machine print the ticket for 1.5 hours?  11) Can you please send the information on number of hours allowed, do not return in xx hours information for machines where it is applicable?</p>	<p>1. How many machines have been installed for collecting parking fee under Newham Council?  There a total of 330 active machines installed for collection parking fees in Newham.</p> <p>2. How many various categories are available (Pay and Display etc) for these machines and what is the break up of numbers?  All the machines used for collecting parking fees, whether the machines are located in council car parks or on street, are classified as pay and display machines.</p> <p>3. How many private vendors are engaged and how many machines are directly operated by the council?  All Newham's parking fee machines are managed and operated by one private vendor.</p> <p>4. How much revenue is generated by council from Parking on a monthly basis? An average number from past 6 months will do.  Since April 2011 the Council is averaging £290,271 per month in revenue from its off street (car parks) and on-street pay &amp; display machines parking revenue.</p> <p>5. How much cost is involved in doing a set up for one machine?  The cost of installing a machine is in the region of £3,000</p> <p>6. How much operational cost is involved to operate one machine and what is the break up operational costs (like salary of staff, 3rd party etc).  The operational costs associated with parking fee machines amount to approximately £1,200 per machine, per year. This total is broken down as £800 in maintenance costs and £400 per year in cash collection charges.</p> <p>7. Is there specific cost allocated for collection of coins/notes from the machines? If yes, how much?</p>
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						<p>As above, the annual cash collection charges for each machine are in the region of £400.</p> <p>8. Can you please provide the data for all machines for parking charges versus time allowed to park? Please see attached the parking charges for our machines in the borough, in relation to the time permitted to park.</p> <p>9. How many machines have ability to return the change? None of the parking fee machines have the ability to return change, unless the customer rejects payment before authorising a ticket.</p> <p>10. Apart from fixed slabs, how many machines have intelligence to calculate the time a car is allowed to park? For example, if a fixed slab is on hourly basis for £2 and someone puts in £3, can a machine print the ticket for 1.5 hours? None of Newham's machine are able to perform this function.</p> <p>11. Can you please send the information on number of hours allowed, do not return in xx hours information for machines where it is applicable? Please find attached this information provided on the same spreadsheet as the response to Question 8.</p>
Business	11706	13/01/2012	08/02/2012	Business Rates	<p>Subject : Vacant Commercial Properties</p> <p>Please supply a schedule of all properties within your billing area which are currently vacant with rateable values in excess £250,000 and containing, with respect to each property, the following data:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The full postal address for the hereditament;</li> <li>2) The property description;</li> <li>3) The billing authority reference number;</li> <li>4) The rateable value for the hereditament currently shown in the your records, and</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>The Council has experience of a number of individuals who, when they become aware that a property/site is vacant, use it for squatting, attempt to appropriate the property for their own use, use properties for growing drugs and other undesirable anti-social behaviour. There have recently been two murders in the borough</p>

					<p>5) The name and full postal address for the ratepayer where this is not an individual.</p> <p>Please treat this letter as a “request for information” under section 8 to the above Act.</p> <p>You may be aware of the decision of the Information Tribunal in England and the London Borough of Bexley v Information Commissioner 10th May 2007 which is relevant to this request.</p>	<p>that have taken place in empty properties.</p> <p>By disclosing the addresses of vacant properties, the Council exposes neighbourhoods to the anti-social behaviour/criminal activities associated with such issues. Our Community Safety Team and the Police are currently doing all they can to deal with these problems and the Council is not prepared to exacerbate the problem by disclosing known empty properties.</p> <p>Therefore, 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 full addresses of empty dwellings would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and could enable criminal behaviour.</p> <p>However, in the interests of transparency, we have attached a list of properties by post code area together with the corresponding rateable values (over £250,000). We have also attached, the ‘Business Plan Statistical Appendix’ 2011 (Section E) which provides figures for vacant local authority dwellings, reasons why the properties are vacant and the length of time they have been vacant.</p> <p>We also believe that Section 38 applies which states, “Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would be likely to – (a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or (b) endanger the safety of any individual”. If providing the requested information did result in criminal behaviour it would negatively effects residents living in the surrounding area.</p> <p>We are aware of the decision of the Information Tribunal in the London Borough of Bexley v Information Commissioner. However, after careful consideration, we believe that the prevalence</p>
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					<p>of squatting and the degree of anti-social behaviour associated with this activity is sufficiently different to distinguish the conditions in Bexley from Newham and as such are of the belief that the exemptions cited above continue to apply.</p> <p>To provide additional information regarding the type of property and the date on which each property became vacant would exceed the appropriate limit for freedom of information requests. Furthermore, our systems do not allow us to differentiate between council and privately owned unoccupied commercial properties. To obtain this breakdown of information would require an officer to manually look into records of all commercial properties in the borough to determine the ownership which 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 have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act. This section states: where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit a public authority is not obliged 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>Moreover, it should be noted that ownership of UK properties is made available to the public for a small charge through the Land Registry's database. On this basis, we consider that this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure by virtue of section 21 of the Act because the information is readily accessible to you by other means. It is important to note that Section 21, unlike many of the other exemptions in the Act, is not subject to the public interest test: if, as a matter of fact the information requested is accessible to the applicant by other means, then it is exempt. The thinking behind</p>
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						the exemption is that if there is another route by which someone can obtain information, there is no need for the Act to provide the means of access.
Public	11703	13/01/2012	08/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject : Total Numbers of Staff</p> <p>Could you please provide me with the following data as of 01/01/2012</p> <p>1. The number of full time staff directly employed by the Local Authority, excluding schools.</p> <p>2. The number of part time staff directly employed by the Local Authority, excluding schools.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>As of 1st January 2012, Newham Council employed:</p> <p>4022 full time members of staff and 1798 part time members of staff.</p>
Public	11707	13/01/2012	08/02/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Appeals process</p> <p>As part of the assessment for appeal process around in year school applications ( year2) I would like to know: the dates of the last children accepted to the following schools in year 2 the dates their caf forms were submitted and processed. their admission criteria. the schools are: Rosetta Kaizen and Tollgate primary</p> <p>I would also like a copy of your published admission policy as I cannot find it on the website.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Rosetta Primary School Last child offered a place on 17th November 2011 - admission criterion stated as 'living in the schools catchment area' and number one on their waiting list at the time the last Year 2 vacancy was reported to Pupil Services. PAN London Primary 'In Year' Common Application Form received in Pupil Services 20 October 2011</p> <p>Kaizen Primary School Last child offered a place 18th January 2012 - admission criterion 'all other pupils' using home to school distance tie breaker and number one on their waiting list based at the time the last Year 2 vacancy was reported to Pupil Services. PAN London Primary 'In Year' Common Application Form received in Pupil Services 11 January 2011.</p> <p>Tollgate Primary School</p>

					<p>Last child offered a place 6th October 2011 - admission criterion 'living in the schools catchment area with a sibling on roll at the school' and number one on their waiting list at the time the last Year 2 vacancy was reported to Pupil Services.  PAN London Primary 'In Year' Common Application Form received in Pupil Services 23 July 2011.</p> <p>2. The admissions policy is contained within the admissions brochure found on the Newham website titled 'Starting school - Your guide to nursery and primary education in Newham Autumn 2011'.</p> <p>For your reference please find attached the relevant link below</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/FindingASchoolPlaceInNewham/Findingareceptionclassplace.htm#year">http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/FindingASchoolPlaceInNewham/Findingareceptionclassplace.htm#year</a></p>
Public	11725	16/01/2012	08/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject : Ethnicity of Staff</p> <p>Please provide the following information for each of the years 2005-2010 for which information is available, all of which should have been collected under the Authority's statutory equality duty under RRA 2002 and now the Equality Act 2010:</p> <p>a. The total number of employees analysed by ethnic origin</p> <p>b. The grades of all staff analysed by ethnic origin</p> <p>c. The total number of staff investigated under the council's disciplinary procedure analysed by ethnic origin</p> <p>d. The total number of staff subject to disciplinary hearings analysed by ethnic origin for each year</p>
					<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>Please note, unfortunately we are unable to provide data for questions c-f as we have only recently started to record this information (2011). Staffing numbers only go back to 2008 as before that a large number of staff were recorded in a now defunct system.</p>

					<p>e. The total number of staff against whom no action was taken analysed by ethnic origin</p> <p>f. The total number of staff receiving written warnings analysed by ethnic origin</p> <p>g. The total number of staff dismissed under the disciplinary procedure analysed by ethnic origin</p>	
Media	11737	17/01/2012	08/02/2012	Pensions	<p>Subject: Pension strain charges</p> <p>How much did your authority pay in pension strain charges in respect of early retirements and retirements on ill-health grounds of employees in the financial years 2008/9, 2009/10, and 2010/11?</p> <p>How many early and ill-health retirements required the payment of pension strain charges in the financial years 2008/9, 2009/10, and 2010/11?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Please see below the total paid in pension strain charges in respect of retirements on ill-health grounds for the period requested:</p> <p>2008/09 £3.5 million 2009/10 £4.7 million 2010/11 £0.7 million</p> <p>2) Please see below the number of early and ill-health retirements that required the payment of pension strain charges for the period requested:</p> <p>2008/9 57 officers 2009/10 85 officers 2010/11 29 officers</p>
Organisation	11739	17/01/2012	08/02/2012	Parking Design	<p>Subject: Disabled Parking</p> <p>We need to know where the disabled bays are in your town/city, both on the street and in your council run car parks. If you have any information on other disabled bays in private run car parks this information would be gratefully received as well.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the traffic management orders (TMO's) relating to all formalised on street disabled persons' parking places in Newham. The TMO for car parks does not designate specific bays: it merely allows for them to be designated.</p>

					<p>What we need to know is the address and postcode of the space and car park, and we'll do the rest.</p>	<p>Blue Badge Holder Bays</p> <p>2012/3 is the order that contains all the blue badge holder bays that are outside residential addresses (i.e. applied for by a resident).</p> <p>Community Bays</p> <p>2007/52 is the parent order for the community bays outside shops, surgeries, religious venues etc.  2010/74 is the first amendment to this order - bay in Barking Road E6 near St. Martin's Avenue (Tesco).  2011/2 is the second amendment to this order - bays in Oak Crescent E16 and Ordnance Road E16.  2012/4 is the third amendment to this order - bays in various roads including Myrtle Road E6 and Pilgrims Way E6.</p> <p>Other stand alone Community Bay Orders</p> <p>2008/33 - East Ham Manor Way E6 near the Royal Docks Medical Centre  2010/112 - Nelson Street E6  2011/100 - Janson Road E15  2011/112 - Bristol Road E7 and Shrewsbury Road E7  2011/123 - Adine Road E13</p> <p>In relation to Newham public car parks with disabled parking this information can be found by visiting the Newham Website:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/CarParks/FindaNewhamCarPark.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/CarParks/FindaNewhamCarPark.htm</a></p>
Public	11746	18/01/2012	08/02/2012	ICT	<p>Subject : ICT Contracts</p> <p>Please can you send me the contract(s) separately and not a combined total value or number of suppliers. If there is more than one supplier for a</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>For each of the types of ICT contract above can you please send me the following data types:</p>

					<p>particular contract please state which of these suppliers the main one is.</p> <p>Server and Virtualisation Support Maintenance contract(s)</p> <p>For each of the types of ICT contract above can you please send me the following data types:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contract Title:</li> <li>2. Existing/Current Supplier:</li> <li>3. Hardware Brand(s):</li> <li>4. Number of Users:</li> <li>5. Operating System (Platform): (Windows, Linux, Unix etc.)</li> <li>6. Total number of Servers (per supplier):</li> <li>7. Number of Virtual Servers: (of the total number of server how many are virtual)</li> <li>8. Total Contract Value: (For the whole duration of the contract, if the total value sent is per annum please state this in the response)</li> <li>9. Duration: (Please can you also include notes if the contract includes any contract extension periods.)</li> <li>10. Contract Expiry Date:</li> <li>11. Contract Review Date: (An approximate date of when the organisation is planning to review this particular contract.)</li> <li>12. Brief Contract Description:</li> <li>13. Internal Contact: (The person from within the organisation that is responsible for reviewing and renewing this particular contract. Please include there full name, job title, direct contact number and direct email address.)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contract Title: Computer Hardware and core Server Hardware leased.</li> <li>2. Existing/Current Supplier: Hewlett Packard.</li> <li>3. Hardware Brand(s): HP and Non-HP Servers and HP Desktops.</li> <li>4. Number of Users: 4300.</li> <li>5. Operating System (Platform): (Windows, Linux, Unix etc.) Windows, Unix.</li> <li>6. Total number of Servers (per supplier): 300.</li> <li>7. Number of Virtual Servers: (of the total number of server how many are virtual) 200.</li> <li>8. Total Contract Value: (For the whole duration of the contract, if the total value sent is per annum please state this in the response) £5,088,000 (includes lease and maintenance of servers and desktops).</li> <li>9. Duration: (Please can you also include notes if the contract includes any contract extension periods.) 10 years.</li> <li>10. Contract Expiry Date: 01-Oct-2014.</li> <li>11. Contract Review Date: (An approximate date of when the organisation is planning to review this particular contract.) 01-Apr-2014.</li> <li>12. Brief Contract Description: Provision of Personal Computer Hardware and core Server Hardware leased and refreshed at intervals defined in the tendered contract. There is provision to add and reduce component numbers and mix as required.</li> <li>13. Internal Contact: (The person from within the organisation that is responsible for reviewing and renewing this particular contract. Please include there full name, job title, direct contact number and direct email address.) Gary Sussex, Service Manager, 020 3373 3324, <a href="mailto:gary.sussex@newham.gov.uk">gary.sussex@newham.gov.uk</a></li> </ol>
Public	11742	18/01/2012	08/02/2012	Internal Audit	Subject: Private Investigators	Summary:

					<p>I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you provide me with the following information:</p> <p>a) The number of times the Authority hired a private investigator in financial year 2010/11, b) The cost of each hire, c) The reason for the hire and what activities the private investigator undertook each time.</p>	<p>Newham's Counter Fraud Team has in the past used specialist providers to carry out surveillance. Please note that investigations are conducted internally and that in these rare instances investigators were hired solely to undertake the specialist task of surveillance.</p> <p>In 2010/11 Newham Council spent £10,392.88 in respect of the use of investigators to carry out surveillance (under RIPA) in one investigation. This investigation was conducted as a result of concerns regarding fraudulent activities which take place at the expense of the taxpayer.</p>
Public	11745	20/01/2012	08/02/2012	<p>Planning Application &amp; Enforcement</p>	<p>Re: Millennium Mills - Planning Applications</p> <p>I am writing to request information on the Spillers Millennium Mills building located at:</p> <p>Mill Road, Silvertown, London E16 2BE</p> <p>I would like to know if there are any existing plans and architectural drawings available under the freedom of information act. Also if I can be sent some information on past documents/drawings of any recent planning application sent for Millenium Mill.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case Section 21 exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information.</p> <p>Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and as such there is no public interest test to apply.</p> <p>Information regarding planning applications and decisions is publically available and searchable on the Newham website via the statutory public planning register:</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningApplications/ViewPlanningandBuildingControlApplicationsOnline.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningApplications/ViewPlanningandBuildingControlApplicationsOnline.htm</a></p>
Public	11554	19/12/2011	09/02/2012	<p>HEALTHY LIVING &amp; SPORT</p>	<p>Subject: Cabinet meeting agenda 15/12/2011 regarding Atherton Leisure Centre</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The current budget for the Atherton Centre is £315k, this budget</p>

					<p>I would like to be provided with the detailed financial figures that support the 3 options A, B and C in Para 6.1 and in Appendix A "Initial options appraisal" in pages 17- 21 of the report and a full explanation of the NPV (net present value) methodology used in the calculation of the cost of each option.</p>	<p>includes:  An apportionment of the management fee for the Atherton Centre  Specific repairs and maintenance costs such as drainage  Rates, Water rates &amp; Insurance for premises</p> <p>The budget meets the standard costs associated with the centre; however there are additional costs in the form of ad-hoc repair costs and income loss due to the current condition of the centre.</p> <p>With regards to calculating the Net Present Value (NPV) of the Options, the following were considered:  The current structure of Atherton and the need for ongoing ad-hoc repairs whilst the centre remains open. These are costs over and above the current budget therefore an additional cost pressure to the Council.  The Atherton Centre currently operates at a loss due to a number of factors which includes the condition of the centre.  Calculation of the net present value is assumed over 25 years.</p> <p>Option A - Planned Maintenance (£9.4 million)</p> <p>In calculating the NPV of this option, it was assumed a rolling programme of planned maintenance would be required over the life of the 25 year project. The NPV calculation assumes:  An annual investment of £270k; a NPV over 25 years of £4.450m.  The planned maintenance would improve the condition of the centre, however there would continue to be a loss in income. This loss of income will continue as a budget pressure to the Council.</p> <p>Option B – Refurbishment (£13.6 million)</p> <p>The refurbishment cost equates to an annual investment of £639k, NPV of £10,024m. However, the analysis shows that the refurbishment of the centre would not fully mitigate the shortfall in the income associated with the Atherton centre. A shortfall would remain as a pressure to the Council.</p>
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					<p>Option C – Redevelopment (£3.6 – 7.1 million)</p> <p>The NPV of the redevelopment was based upon the level of investment and income that could be generated through a new centre. The costs and income expectations are commercially sensitive as both would form part of any future contract. However the assumptions are:</p> <p>The capital financing associated with capital build of a new centre would be met through the budget saving if the closure of Atherton were agreed less any management fee;</p> <p>The shortfall of income would cease as the centre would be modern, have scope for extending the range of activities and the ability to generate income in different ways.</p> <p>We consider that further detailed financial information regarding the options would be commercially sensitive, and therefore have withheld this under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Under Section 43, information is exempt from disclosure if releasing it would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).</p> <p>A tendering process will be conducted in order to start the process on an “at risk” basis for bidders in relation to Options B and C.</p> <p>The decision of which option will be progressed will not be taken until after the Mayor in consultation with Cabinet has considered the results of the consultation on the options which is presently ongoing.</p> <p>As such, we consider that disclosure would be likely to weaken the council’s bargaining position during the procurement process and contractual negotiations. This would likely to affect the council’s income and budget and essentially, the availability of financial resources for residents. We also take the view that disclosure of the detailed financial information requested could damage the</p>
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						<p>commercial reputation of the current third party contractor. This would be likely to impact negatively on the confidence of investors and customers, thus undermining the company's position in the market-place, including their ability to obtain supplies or secure finance.</p> <p>Section 43 is a qualified exemption therefore we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. We acknowledge that the public interest is served by promoting transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them so that individuals and companies can understand the basis of those decisions and, in some cases, assisting individuals in challenging them. However, in this instance, we consider that there is a greater public interest in protecting the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information, which could, if disclosed, damage the interest of the local authority and the organisations concerned. Therefore, we have decided that in this case the public interest lies in favour of withholding the requested information.</p>
Public	11702	12/01/2012	09/02/2012	Council Tax	<p>Subject : Council Tax Benefit</p> <p>I would like to know the number of council tax benefit ('CTB') claimants for the financial year 2010/11 who met the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they had an income ( income = received money which for CTB would be counted as income)</li> <li>- during that financial year they became 25 years old (their date of birth is known to you as it is used in benefit calculations)</li> <li>- their weekly benefit rate remained constant throughout the year, and was not adjusted</li> <li>- their CTB was calculated by using the applicable</li> </ul>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>In 2010/11, there were 155 council tax benefit claimants who met the criteria specified above.</p>

					amount (not, for example, the second adult rebate) and their weekly income exceeded their applicable amount	
Organisation	11699	12/01/2012	09/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Social Care Charges Debts</p> <p>I am writing to obtain information about outstanding and written off debts resulting from social care charges.</p> <p>(a) How much debt incurred by service users has the local authority written off, for each year since 2001?</p> <p>(b) How much unpaid debt remains outstanding, at the most recent estimate?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>a) As at March 2011 there was a total of £431,258 debt written off, covering the period 1999-2010.</p> <p>b) Debt over 30 days old and excluding debt to Primary Care Trust (agreed debt) is £1.423 million.</p>
Business	11697	12/01/2012	09/02/2012	Communications	<p>Subject : Service Standards</p> <p>Does Newham LBC have one set of standards per directorate, or one per division, or department, unit, section, or team, or is it completely arbitrary?</p> <p>Who is responsible for making certain that service users are aware of any or all of the particular standards?</p> <p>The 'Our Service Standards Promise to You' document states that 'standards that are reviewed regularly and will be accountable and open' where may I locate these on the website?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Does Newham LBC have one set of standards per directorate, or one per division, or department, unit, section, or team, or is it completely arbitrary?</p> <p>Each service is responsible for setting its own targets and will advertise them as they feel appropriate. There is no overall policy covering all council services.</p> <p>2) Who is responsible for making certain that service users are aware of any or all of the particular standards? Senior Managers within services are responsible. Within Customer Services, standards are displayed on posters in buildings and customers are given more specific information if they ask.</p> <p>3) The 'Our Service Standards Promise to You' document states that 'standards that are reviewed regularly and will be accountable and</p>

					<p>open' where may I locate these on the website?</p> <p>Customer Service standards are displayed in buildings but not published online. Customer Services displays library by-laws and fees and fines information in its buildings.</p> <p>Some services such as Housing Options do publish standards online.</p> <p>Housing Options: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/housing/housingoptionsandadvice/service_standards.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/housing/housingoptionsandadvice/service_standards.htm</a></p> <p>Lettings: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/housing/housingoptionsandadvice/applyingforcouncilhousingorhousingassociationproperty/lettingsagency-servicestandards.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/housing/housingoptionsandadvice/applyingforcouncilhousingorhousingassociationproperty/lettingsagency-servicestandards.htm</a></p> <p>Trading Standards: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourenvironment/tradingstandards/tradingstandardsservicestandards.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourenvironment/tradingstandards/tradingstandardsservicestandards.htm</a></p> <p>Education Welfare Service: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/educationwelfareservice/servicestandards.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/educationwelfareservice/servicestandards.htm</a></p> <p>Passenger Transport: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/parkingandtransport/passengertransport/service/ptsptstandards.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/parkingandtransport/passengertransport/service/ptsptstandards.htm</a></p> <p>Please feel free to call the Council's contact centre on 02084302000 for the contact details of specific services should you wish to obtain further information about other service values/practices within the Council.</p>
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Media	11704	13/01/2012	10/02/2012	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject : Payment to Landlords/LHA</p> <p>1. Have you paid local housing allowance direct to private landlords in the 2011-2012 financial year?</p> <p>2. If so, to how many private landlords have you paid LHA direct and what are their names?</p> <p>3. Have the landlords agreed to reduce their rents in return for receiving LHA direct? If so by how much?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Yes.</p> <p>2) LHA has been paid directly to 1,454 landlords. Please see attached spreadsheet for names. Please note we have removed the details where landlords are individuals as disclosure of names would result in the identification of individuals. Third party personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>3) Our records show 19 cases where direct payments are being made to landlords to maintain or secure a tenancy. The majority of these were lettings through the authority's Housing Options Centre under a Bond Scheme where the rent is negotiated down to the level of LHA; it is not possible for us to quantify the reduction achieved as we do not retain records of the initial price of rents.</p>
Solicitors	11708	13/01/2012	10/02/2012	CYPS - Safeguarding Assessment	<p>1) London Borough of Newham's Policy/Guidance to social workers on social services support to those with immigration status problems under children act 1989 and community care provisions including how financial support is calculated.</p> <p>2) Social Services policy on the type of accommodation provided to families supported under the children act or community care</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Cases- are families with young children who have no recourse to public funds that require assistance under s17 children Act 1989. The majority of the families are either referred by other agencies such as schools, health or present at social care office. Prior to a family being deemed as a NRTPF case, they are assessed under the Assessment framework of children in Need &amp; their Families by frontline duty teams, Human rights assessment, checks with</p>

				<p>provisions</p> <p>3) Statistics on the number of families (specifying the number of individuals in the family) being supported by social</p>	<p>Schools and the UKBA are undertaken to ascertain the legal status of the parents and the children. Usually the front line duty teams undertake the assessments and if necessary core assessments to determine the needs of the family. In some cases the Local Authority will provide accommodation and financial assistance only if it had been directed by the Courts whilst pre-requisite assessments are being undertaken.</p> <p>In relation to calculations, subsistence is calculated on the basis of individual family's needs rather than against any set amount. There are cases where children with disabilities are being supported by the services and hence their needs are more than the ordinary families.</p> <p>2) The Local Authority accommodates families initially in a B&amp;B during the initial assessment period whilst all pre-requisite checks are undertaken. Based on the assessment accommodation is then provided via private rented accommodations within the market rents in order to meet their needs and keep the children and their families together or which ever option is the cheapest depending on the size of the families. To determine type of provision, the team will assess household composition, suitability of accommodation, proximity to community resources such as schools and GP.</p> <p>NRTPF cases are not child protection cases and ideally would not warrant social care involvement -if the families had access to resources. All NRTPF families are visited 6 weekly as part of the support plan. The visits are recorded and periodic checks are undertaken via UKBA to ascertain the status of their home office applications.</p> <p>3) There are 34 families, made up of 54 children, currently receiving subsistence and housing provision. These amounts range from £170 - £1700 per month.</p> <p>However there might be other additional cases currently undergoing assessments in the frontline duty teams and have not yet been</p>
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						transferred to NRTPF portfolio and would therefore not be included in the above figure.
Public	11734	16/01/2012	10/02/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Supply teachers</p> <p>I am interested in the amounts paid by each school in Newham LEA to third parties in relation to temporary agency staffing cover. My hope is to receive an electronic breakdown of amounts paid through the department's purchase ledger by school from September 2011 to December 2011.</p> <p>Please can you supply the following information in an excel spreadsheet format:-</p> <p>School Name – URN or DFE number – agency/supplier name –total amount paid</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We report annually on school expenditure in respect of spend on school agency staff.</p> <p>For your reference please find attached the report for the total agency spends per school for the financial year 2010/2011.</p>
Public	11728	16/01/2012	10/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Eligibility Criteria - Adult Services</p> <p>In this request, 'eligibility criteria' refers to Fair Access to Care Services eligibility criteria.</p> <p>1. Please detail any alterations to eligibility criteria enacted since March 2011</p> <p>2. If the council has not enacted alterations to eligibility criteria since March 2011, please detail any alterations to eligibility criteria enacted since March 2009</p> <p>If the council has enacted alterations to eligibility criteria since March 2011 (as detailed in response to point 1), please proceed to point 3 below.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We have not enacted any alterations to our eligibility criteria since March 2011.</p> <p>2. There have not been any alternations to our eligibility criteria enacted since March 2009.</p> <p>3 – 8. Not applicable.</p> <p>9. Unfortunately we are unable to extract this information from our system. Classifications of low or moderate needs are not fields by which reporting is available. Additionally eligibility is set out in the initial assessment or review and these are recorded in different ways and using different definitions of needs, between different services and teams. Our systems are unable to provide a direct link from the outcome of assessment and review records and service</p>

				<p>If the council has not enacted alterations to eligibility criteria since March 2011, please skip points 3-8 below and proceed to point 9.</p> <p>For points 3-8, if possible please break down the data for each point by the type of user in question (e.g. older people, learning disabilities) and then broken down further by the type of service in question for each user group (e.g. day care, Telecare, supported accommodation). If the council does not hold this level of detail, please just provide overall figures for each point instead.</p> <p>3. Please disclose how many people have had their service eligibility reviewed in relation to the alterations to eligibility criteria referred to in response to point 1</p> <p>4. Of the figure given in response to point 3, please disclose how many people have been deemed no longer eligible for services they were receiving</p> <p>5. Of the figure given in response to point 4, please disclose how many people have had their adult care service provision discontinued</p> <p>6. Please provide any other details of the results of service eligibility reviews as referred to in point 3 (e.g. whether newly ineligible users are receiving temporary support, whether they have voluntarily withdrawn from services etc)</p> <p>7. Please disclose how many people are still due to have their service eligibility reviewed as of 1st January 2012 in relation to the alterations to eligibility criteria referred to in point 1</p>	<p>reports.</p> <p>Therefore in order to retrieve this information an officer would be required to interrogate each of the service user's files individually to be able to identify and assess the requested degree of need of each individual. This 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>10. There are no current proposals to change our eligibility criteria.</p>
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					<p>8. Please provide any report/s prepared by or for the council detailing the service eligibility review/s referred to in point 3</p> <p>For councils that provided responses to points 3-7 above (i.e. those councils that have enacted alterations to eligibility criteria since March 2011), there is no need to provide responses to point 9 below.</p> <p>9. Please disclose how many people with (a) low and (b) moderate needs have received council adult care services each year in 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12. Please provide the figures for (a) and (b) broken down by the type of user in question (e.g. older people, learning disabilities) and then broken down further by the type of service in question for each user group (e.g. day care, Telecare, supported accommodation), if the council holds this level of detail</p> <p>Please could all councils provide a response to point 10 below?</p> <p>10. Please provide details of any proposed changes to eligibility criteria as part of 2012/13 council budget proposals, even where these proposals have not yet been confirmed or voted on</p>	
Organisation	11736	16/01/2012	10/02/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject: Contact details</p> <p>May I be sent the name, job title, postal and email addresses, and telephone number of the officers delegated with responsibility for:</p> <p>1.Economic Development</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1 – 2 These functions in Newham would be completed by the Business Development team and by the team’s economic regeneration officers. The team’s contact details may be found on the link below.</p>

				<p>2.Business Support  3.Regeneration  4.Commercial Property  5.Markets  6.'Licence' Street Trading  7.Information (Freedom of Information requests)  May I also be sent each Section's general email address, with the exception of the Information Sections address as I already have this?</p>	<p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/InformationforBusinesses/BusinessSupportAndInformation/NewhamBusinessNetworkMemberInfo.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/InformationforBusinesses/BusinessSupportAndInformation/NewhamBusinessNetworkMemberInfo.htm</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/informationforbusinesses/businesssupportandinformation/thebusinessdevelopmentteam.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/informationforbusinesses/businesssupportandinformation/thebusinessdevelopmentteam.htm</a></p> <p>3. There are currently a number of regeneration projects underway in the borough. Overall responsibility for Regeneration Planning lies with Mr Clive Dutton, Executive Director for Regeneration Planning and Property (Clive.Dutton@newham.gov.uk )</p> <p>It should be noted that all Newham officers may be contacted via post at Newham Dockside at the address at the head of this response. All officers may also be telephoned via Newham's Contact Centre on 0208 430 2000.</p> <p>4. Commercial Property enquiries are also dealt with by the Business Development Team, please see the link below  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/InformationforBusinesses/BusinessSupportAndInformation/InwardInvestmentBusinessRetentionandPropertyEnquiries.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/InformationforBusinesses/BusinessSupportAndInformation/InwardInvestmentBusinessRetentionandPropertyEnquiries.htm</a></p> <p>5/6. Markets and Street Trading Licences are both handled by the Markets Team.  Roy Wayre – Markets Development Manager  Market Inspectors Office Queens Road, London, E13 9BA  Tel : 020 8475 8971 Email : <a href="mailto:Roy.Wayre@newham.gov.uk">Roy.Wayre@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>7. Please see below the contact details for the Information Governance Team  Information Governance, Newham Dockside, 3rd Floor East, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU - Phone 020 430 3737 or Fax: 02084301504  Email: <a href="mailto:information.governance@newham.gov.uk">information.governance@newham.gov.uk</a>  Nicholas Foster is the Complaints and Member Enquiries (Information Governance) Manager.</p>
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Business	11735	16/01/2012	10/02/2012	Land Charge searches	<p>Subject: Land Charge Searches</p> <p>See attached document. Request for numbers of LLCRs received by month in 2011 and details of who submitted requests.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case the exemption under Section 43 (2) of Act applies and has decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>Under Section 43, information is exempt from disclosure if releasing it would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). The information requested could be used by companies to compare the personal search market-share of other companies and encourage the targeting of those companies. This in turn could affect London Borough of Newham's official search market-share as companies could target the council's official customers who do not use personal searches. This would likely to affect the council's income and budget and essentially, the availability of financial resources for residents.</p> <p>Section 43 is a qualified exemption; therefore, we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities, we consider that there is a greater public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information, disclosure of which could damage the interest of third party companies and the wider interests of the public, due to the detriment to the council's own commercial interests.</p> <p>In addition, given that we are currently in litigation regarding personal search refunds, we consider that the information is withheld under Section 42 of the Freedom of Information Act. This section sets out an exemption from the right to know regarding information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege (LPP) or to confidentiality of communications could be</p>
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					<p>maintained in legal proceedings.</p> <p>Given that section 42, is a qualified exemption, the decision whether or not to release the information is therefore subject to the public interest test. It is acknowledged that there is a general public interest in public authorities being accountable for the quality of their decision making. Ensuring that decisions have been made on the basis of good quality legal advice is part of that accountability. Transparency in the decision making process and access to the information upon which decisions have been made can enhance accountability. However, it is also in the public interest that the legal adviser needs to be able to present the full picture to their clients, which includes not only arguments in support of his or her conclusions but also the arguments that may be made against them. It is in the nature of legal advice that it often sets out the possible arguments both for and against a particular view, weighing up their relative merits. On this basis, we consider that, disclosure would not be in the public interest as doing so would compromise the process for obtaining independent legal advice, thus impacting on our ability to discharge our public functions.</p> <p>In any event, to obtain the names of the personal searchers would require an officer to run 365 separate archive reports (for each day) and then manually compile a monthly report. This task would take up to 5 working days and 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 have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act. This section states: where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit a public authority is not obliged 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>
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Public	11740	17/01/2012	10/02/2012	Registrars Service	<p>Subject: No next of Kin</p> <p>Please could you kindly send me any information you may hold relating to persons who have died with no known next of kin since 1/9/11 to the day of your reply. Please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. full names of deceased persons,</li> <li>2. dates of death,</li> <li>3. marital status,</li> <li>4. maiden surnames of married or widowed females,</li> <li>5. dates of</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There has been one public health funeral since September 2011.</p> <p>We have decided to refuse the other aspects of your request, taking into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</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>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> Or in the event the information had not yet been forwarded, under Section 22 the information would also be exempt as it would be held with a view to publication at a future date.</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</p>
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						<p>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>
Business	11747	18/01/2012	10/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Agency Staff in Social Care</p> <p>1. Do you currently operate a Preferred Supplier Agreement when it comes to recruiting agency Qualified Social Workers?</p>	<p>Summary</p> <p>1. We have a vendor neutral managed service provider who in turn has a preferred supplier list for the supply of agency workers.</p>

					<p>2. Who is currently on the PSL?</p> <p>3. How long has the PSL been in place?</p> <p>4. When is it up for renewal?</p> <p>5. Are they able to go outside of the PSL in certain circumstances?</p> <p>6. How many agency workers does the authority currently have in Children's and Adults Services, as of December 2011?</p> <p>7. Finally, please can we have a copy of social services organisational structure?</p>	<p>2. The managed contract is with Beeline International.</p> <p>3. This arrangement has been in place since 2005.</p> <p>4. The agreement is up for renewal in March 2012.</p> <p>5. Only London Borough of Newham officers are allowed to go off contract in the event that agencies on the PSL cannot provide suitable workers.</p> <p>6. There are currently in the region of 120 agency workers currently working in Children's and Adults Services.</p> <p>7. Please find attached the current organisational structure of the Adults and Children's social care services. It should be noted that the council is currently undergoing a period of organisational restructure. The social care structures provided are the most current available.</p>
Public	11741	18/01/2012	10/02/2012	Housing Partnerships	<p>Subject: Empty properties</p> <p>Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000:-</p> <p>a) addresses of empty residential properties that are within NEWHAM Borough Council area; and</p> <p>b) the names of the owners of those properties referred to in (a)</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There are presently in the region of 2,860 empty residential properties in Newham. It is not possible to give an exact number as the status of properties is ever changing as may be re-sold, rented out to tenants and brought back into full use, whilst others may subsequently become vacant. Therefore the total figure is continually changing.</p> <p>Of this total approximately 817 unoccupied residential properties are owned by the London Borough of Newham. This figure includes those properties which have recently been decanted and are awaiting demolition and regeneration. The rest of the total numbers of empty residential properties, in the region of 2,043 are privately owned.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a</p>

					<p>request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse the further details raised in your request.</p> <p>The Council has experience of a number of individuals who, when they become aware that a property/site is vacant, use it for squatting, attempt to appropriate the property for their own use, use properties for growing drugs and other undesirable anti-social behaviour. There have recently been two murders in the borough that have taken place in empty properties.</p> <p>By disclosing the addresses of vacant properties, the Council exposes neighbourhoods to the anti-social behaviour/criminal activities associated with such issues. Our Community Safety Team and the Police are currently doing all they can to deal with these problems and the Council is not prepared to exacerbate the problem by disclosing known empty properties.</p> <p>Therefore, 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 addresses of empty dwellings would in our view compromise the security of the buildings concerned and could enable criminal behaviour.</p> <p>We also believe that Section 38 applies which states, “Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would be likely to – (a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or (b) endanger the safety of any individual”. If providing the requested information did result in criminal behaviour it would negatively effects residents living in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Furthermore, we would apply Section 40, as disclosure of names and addresses of council tax payers or property owners would result</p>
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						<p>in the identification of individuals. Third party personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p>
Public	11753	19/01/2012	10/02/2012	Parking Design	<p>Subject : Road Markings in CPZ's</p> <p>My questions are specific to the road markings your Highways Department paints on the road when creating a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in residential areas of your Borough.</p> <p>QUESTION 1: In a CPZ, what road marking(s) does your Council generally paint on the road in front of a driveway/dropped kerb to protect a resident's vehicle access to/egress from, their property?</p> <p>QUESTION 2: (a) In a CPZ, does your Council paint different road marking(s) in front of the driveways/dropped kerbs of the following different types of residential properties:- (i) Blocks of flats (ii) Houses with garages. (iii) Houses where the front garden has been converted to off-street parking. (b) If the answer to 2(a) is 'Yes', what are the different markings your Council paints on the road</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is the Council's policy to introduce single yellow lines (operating Residential Parking Zone (CPZ) hours) across residential driveways.</li> <li>2. The Council does install different road markings to protect access to different types of property. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Blocks of flats - to protect access to a number of off-street parking places or a car park the Council would introduce double yellow lines.</li> <li>(ii) Houses with garages - to protect a driveway to a single garage the Council would introduce a single yellow line.</li> <li>(iii) Houses where the front garden has been converted to off-street parking - to protect a driveway the council would introduce a single yellow line.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The council has in the past introduced parking places, as a trial to increase the availability of on-street parking across driveways. This process is no longer followed.</li> </ol>

					<p>in front of the driveways/dropped kerbs, for each of the above different properties?</p> <p>QUESTION 3: Does your Council paint CPZ parking bays in front of residents' driveways/dropped kerbs?</p>	
Business	11750	19/01/2012	10/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Adult Social Care Commissioning Structure</p> <p>1. Current adult social care commissioning structure for learning disability, mental health and disability services, including NHS component where structures are joint</p> <p>2. Membership of adult social care placements panel where placements are agreed/confirmed</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please find attached the requested outline of the current Adults Social Care Commissioning Structure. This is a new commissioning structure within Adults Services and consequently a number of these posts are not yet filled, however recruitment is underway.</p> <p>There is close working with NHS colleagues but the attached structure only includes the relevant local authority posts.</p> <p>2. The membership of the Adult Social Care placements panel where placements are agreed and confirmed includes senior management of social care services, commissioning, contracts and finance. Where decisions are made about health funding, a health commissioner will also attend.</p>
Public	11944	12/01/2012	13/02/2012	Council Tax	<p>Subject: CTB claimants</p> <p>Would it be possible to specify how many of these were single claimants?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>124 single claimants for the period in question.</p>
Public	11738	17/01/2012	13/02/2012	Regeneration and Physical Development	<p>Subject: Obsidian</p> <p>As a resident of Newham, am writing to ask the following questions about the proposed development in Forest Gate and I understand that you have 20 working days in which to reply.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1-5. The detail and rationale for proposing to enter into an agreement with Obsidian is set out in a Cabinet Report dated 18th November 2010. This is available on the Council's internet site. For your continued reference, please see the link below</p>

				<p>1. Can you please say whether Obsidian have ever been asked to tender for the development scheme in Forest Gate?</p> <p>2. If not, when was it decided that this was unnecessary?</p> <p>3. Who made this decision; and</p> <p>4. What was the justification for this decision?</p> <p>5. Can you please provide the relevant financial regulations, which show that this decision was legitimate?</p> <p>6. Can you please confirm that Newham Council has carried out due diligence with regard to ability of Obsidian to deliver this scheme: concerning their experience in delivering similar schemes: and also ensuring that Obsidian has sufficient finances to deliver the scheme at Forest Gate.</p>	<p><a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=294&amp;MIId=7400&amp;Ver=4">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=294&amp;MIId=7400&amp;Ver=4</a></p> <p>The Council has not yet entered into the proposed contractual agreement with Obsidian.</p> <p>Obsidian or any other party were never asked to tender for the development of Forest Gate town centre. Obsidian, being a significant owner of land, approached the Council with regards to bringing forward a comprehensive development scheme. The Council is the owner of only a small portion of the master plan area (136 Earlham Grove).</p> <p>In financial terms, the Council needs to be satisfied that it obtains the market price for the land that it is selling. This is a requirement of Section 123 Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>At the Council's Cabinet meeting of 18th November 2010, the Mayor in consultation with Cabinet agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Heads of Terms and associated agreement attached to the agenda at Appendix C and D.</li> <li>2. The principle of disposing of a leasehold interest in the Council's land at the vacant site, formerly 136 Earlham Grove, to Obsidian Forest Gate at a market price and upon the best possible terms.</li> <li>3. To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Regeneration, Planning &amp; Property in consultation with the Divisional Director for Major Sites and the Divisional Director for Legal and Democratic Services to agree and enter into contractual documentation in line with the Heads of Terms; and</li> <li>4. to resolve, in principle, that in the event that it             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) receives a planning application from Obsidian Forest Gate for</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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					<p>the comprehensive and beneficial regeneration of the “site” as envisaged by the Heads of Terms agreed with Obsidian Forest Gate and</p> <p>(ii) decides to grant planning permission for the development proposed by the planning application;</p> <p>then it will use its powers of compulsory purchase so far as it is appropriate and necessary to do so in order to facilitate the development, in accordance with the matters agreed with Obsidian Forest Gate in and under the Heads of Terms.</p> <p>6.</p> <p>A significant factor within the consideration of Obsidian's request for the Council to assist in facilitating its development proposals was that Obsidian was a major landowner within Forest Gate town centre. An investigation was undertaken into Obsidian's background for delivery, which demonstrated that the company had successfully undertaken a number of commercial schemes in the UK. However because Obsidian's development model was to dispose of the residential areas of the site to commercial house builders, further investigation into the company's direct delivery capacity was not deemed necessary. Reassurances were, however, sought in respect of the company's ability to finance the pre-development phase of the proposed scheme and the Council sought protection in this regard by requiring a bond from Obsidian in respect of its financial obligations to the Council under the proposed contracts.</p> <p>Further details on Obsidian can be found at <a href="http://www.forestgateregeneration.com">www.forestgateregeneration.com</a></p>	
Public	11744	18/01/2012	13/02/2012	Therapy and Rehabilitation Services	<p>Subject: Spend on OT agency staff</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could provide me with the agency spend on Occupational Therapists for:</p> <p>Jan-Dec 2010 and Jan-Dec 2011.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>As requested please see below the total agency spend on Occupational Therapists for the requested years.</p> <p>January to December 2010- Total Spend of £342,000</p>

						<p>January to December 2011 - Total Spend of £206,000</p> <p>Where at all possible and in line with Council policy, efforts are made to reduce and restrict the use of agency staff across the Council. However due to the paramount need for the specialist skills of professional Occupational Therapists, for these roles in Social Services it has been necessary to use agency staff.</p>
Media	11752	19/01/2012	13/02/2012	Finance	<p>Subject : Annual Costs of Telephone Usage</p> <p>I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>I would like to know the cost and the number of calls made from staff at your organisation to:</p> <p>a) the Speaking Clock (BT number 123) b) Directory inquiries (Any number beginning with 118)</p> <p>in the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1a) The Council barred the use of this number in 2009. Prior to this, (in 2009/10) there were 2 calls made at a cost of £0.15. There were no calls made in 2010/11.</p> <p>b) The Council has barred the use of Directory Inquiries so there are no calls to these numbers.</p>
Business	11743	20/01/2012	13/02/2012	Tenant Involvement	<p>Subject : Social Housing Fraud</p> <p>1. Please provide a copy of your most recent social housing fraud strategy.</p> <p>2. How many housing officers do you employ?</p> <p>3. Do you have a specialist team for social housing fraud? If so, how large is this team?</p> <p>4. How many cases of social housing tenancy fraud did you confirm in 2011?</p>	<p>Summary;</p> <p>1. Please provide a copy of your most recent social housing fraud strategy. Please find attached the Council's most recent Tenancy Audit Strategy, April 2011.</p> <p>2. How many housing officers do you employ? The Council no longer refer to these roles as Housing Officers. The officers in these roles are now known Housing Compliance Officers.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Housing Service recently underwent a review</p>

				<p>5. How many of your confirmed cases led to a recovered property?</p> <p>6. How many of your confirmed cases led to a court action?</p> <p>7. Please categorise your confirmed cases – unlawful subletting, key selling, non-occupation as principle home, wrongful succession, other.</p> <p>8. Excluding the National Fraud Initiative (NFI), did you undertake a data matching exercise for social housing fraud with a third party in 2011?</p> <p>9. If you undertook a data matching initiative, how many homes did you assess?</p> <p>10. If you undertook a data matching initiative, how many homes were identified as requiring further investigation?</p> <p>11. If you undertook a data matching initiative, did it also include ALMO stock?</p> <p>12. If you undertook a data matching initiative, did it also include housing association stock?</p> <p>13. What is the average annual cost of housing a family in temporary accommodation, when social housing stock is not available?</p>	<p>and the new structure of the Housing Compliance Team commenced on 1st November 2011. Within this team there are 14 Housing Compliance Officers, part of whose role is to ensure that every council tenancy is audited annually on a programmed basis.</p> <p>3. Do you have a specialist team for social housing fraud? If so, how large is this team? The majority of subletting and other forms of social housing fraud are investigated by the Tenancy Audit Team. This team consists of a Manager, two Tenancy Audit Officers, two Housing Investigation Officers and a support officer</p> <p>4. How many cases of social housing tenancy fraud did you confirm in 2011? In 2011 there were a total of 57 confirmed cases.</p> <p>5. How many of your confirmed cases led to a recovered property? A total of 31 properties were recovered.</p> <p>6. How many of your confirmed cases led to a court action? A total of 8 cases led to court action.</p> <p>7. Please categorise your confirmed cases – unlawful subletting, key selling, non-occupation as principle home, wrongful succession, other. 3 wrongful successions 5 sublet 24 properties not used as a principal home. 2 fraudulent mutual exchanges 23 sign ups to properties were prevented due to pre-tenancy checks discovering the person was not entitled to the property</p> <p>8. Excluding the National Fraud Initiative (NFI), did you undertake a data matching exercise for social housing fraud with a third party in 2011?</p>
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					<p>Yes</p> <p>9. If you undertook a data matching initiative, how many homes did you assess? 22956 homes.</p> <p>10. If you undertook a data matching initiative, how many homes were identified as requiring further investigation? Following the data matching exercise, 2712 homes were identified as requiring further investigation.</p> <p>11. If you undertook a data matching initiative, did it also include ALMO stock? Yes</p> <p>12. If you undertook a data matching initiative, did it also include housing association stock? No</p> <p>13. What is the average annual cost of housing a family in temporary accommodation, when social housing stock is not available? It is not possible to provide an average annual cost of housing a family in temporary accommodation due to the variety of forms of accommodation and manner in which the rental payments are made.</p> <p>You may be interested in reviewing the Council's Budget Book for 2011/2012 which details total budgets for different expenditure. Information in respect of temporary accommodation and housing options assistance may be found under the Environment folder and Housing headings. For your reference, please see the link below <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/budgetbook.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/budgetbook.htm</a></p> <p>Similarly, past Council expenditure may be located on the Newham website under the Council's annual Statements of Account. For</p>
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						your reference, please see the link below <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/StatementofAccounts.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/StatementofAccounts.htm</a>
Public	11781	23/01/2012	13/02/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject : Old Town Hall, Stratford:</p> <p>Can you tell me when and why the figures/statues which were originally on the roof of the Old Town Hall, Stratford, were removed?</p> <p>At a guess, it must have taken place between 2008-09. And what has happened to these statues/figures?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Concerns were raised regarding the statues formerly located at the Old Town Hall, Stratford following an incident in May 2007. The head of one of the statues located on the parapet balustrade on the second floor terrace level fell onto the public footway below. An inspection of all stonework and external masonry was immediately carried out.</p> <p>The inspection revealed that much of the stonework was in very poor condition. It had suffered from severe weathering and deterioration over time. During the survey unstable stone urns, including a statue hand and other unstable moulded stonework on the top of Corinthian and pilaster columns which were in danger of falling, were removed to storage as a measure of public safety.</p> <p>Following the emergency inspection a further detailed review of the site was undertaken after access scaffolding had been erected. This identified additional structural defects. Where it was practical to do so the effected items were made safe. Regretfully, in other areas such as the statues and balustrade this approach was not possible and these items had to be removed for safe keeping in consideration of Health and Safety.</p> <p>2. Since their removal from the site the statues have been kept safely in storage. It was however identified that extensive restorative works would have to be carried out on the statues before they could be replaced in their original locations.</p>
Public	11783	23/01/2012	13/02/2012	Members - Other	Subject : Councillor CRB Checks	Summary





						<p>interrogate records to determine the exact nature of the work executed by the individual consultants.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act. This section states: where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit a public authority is not obliged 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, the Council publishes information of all spend over £500 on its website, please see below link where it is possible to search the spend on consultants:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/paymentstosuppliers.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/paymentstosuppliers.htm</a></p>
Public	11980	12/02/2012	15/02/2012	Economic Regeneration	<p>Subject: Obsidian</p> <p>As a resident of Newham, am writing to ask the following questions about the proposed development in Forest Gate and I understand that you have 20 working days in which to reply.</p> <p>1. I understand that Newham Council has been working in partnership with Obsidian since 2006: can you please send me a list of dates for all meetings between Obsidian and council officers, showing the venue for each meeting, the council representatives in attendance and also showing the topics that were discussed at each meeting.</p> <p>2. Can you please provide a list of all agreements</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 it exceeds the appropriate limit (2.5 days or 18 hours of staff time, equating to £450). The £450 limit is calculated using an hourly rate of £25 per hour for staff time, regardless of the seniority of the staff involved in dealing with the request. The time spent on the request can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• determining whether the Council holds the information</li> <li>• locating the information</li> <li>• retrieving the information</li> <li>• extracting the information</li> </ul> <p>The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 state that two or more requests to one public authority can be aggregated for the purposes of</p>

				<p>and contracts that have been made between Newham Council and Obsidian; and can you please send me copies of those agreements, including the terms of reference for any meetings between the two stakeholders.</p> <p>3. I understand that a series of fortnightly workshops have taken place, involving council officers and the Obsidian development team and that Obsidian has paid to cover the cost of these meetings. Can you please say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•How much money Newham Council has received from Obsidian in total</li> <li>•Which separate sums have been received</li> <li>•When these separate payments were made and</li> <li>•What these specific payments were for.</li> </ul> <p>4. I understand that no minutes were kept of these fortnightly meetings, which seems extremely unprofessional. Can you please confirm that the council has taken a decision not to minute these meetings; and if so, who took this decision and when?</p> <p>5. Can you please send me copies of all notes kept by Newham council representatives, following any meetings that have been held with Obsidian?</p> <p>6. Can you please send me copies of all documents created and held by the council, relating to the Obsidian project?</p> <p>7. Can you please send me copies of all internal and external e-mails sent and received by councillors and officers, relating to the Obsidian project?</p>	<p>calculating costs if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• by one person, or by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign;</li> <li>• for the same or similar information; and</li> <li>• The subsequent request is received by the public authority within 60 working days of the previous request.</li> </ul> <p>Given that the three requests mentioned above relate to the same or similar information and were made by you within a period of less than 60 days, we consider that the above criteria apply and have therefore decided to refuse your further request, sent on 5th February 2012 on cost grounds.</p>
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					8. Lastly, can you please send me the minutes of any Local Service Review meeting attended by Obsidian?	
Public	11574	22/12/2011	16/02/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Parking appeals</p> <p>With regard to the last 2 complete years could you tell me</p> <p>a. how many appeals against parking penalty notices Newham Council receives.</p> <p>b. how many at the councils discretion are accepted, and how many are found against.</p> <p>c. For those that go to adjudication by the independent parking adjudicator are found for the Council and how many against.</p>	<p>We have conducted a review of our initial response and the outcome is outlined below.</p> <p>We can confirm that the information provided in our initial response dated 20th January 2012 satisfies the information requested in point (a) above. In that response we stated: "In 2010 Newham Council received 18,220 informal challenges and 24,511 formal representations. In 2011, we received 25,254 informal challenges and 28,719 formal representations."</p> <p>Please note we cancel PCN's for a number of different reasons. Often it is as a result of a challenge, representation or appeal but they can also be cancelled following review by the contractor or by the council's monitoring team. Whilst we can report on the general reason they were cancelled, we cannot obtain information on what led to the cancellation, i.e. a challenge etc, which means we are unable to produce the information requested (in relation to how many at the council's discretion are accepted, and how many are found against). This is because our focus is on why the PCN was cancelled, not what led to the cancellation being identified. As advised previously, locating and retrieving this information would require an officer to manually search through a vast amount of records, which would greatly exceed the 18 hours statutory limit stipulated by the FOIA.</p> <p>In relation to PATAS appeals, please see below:</p> <p>2009/10 - 1,317 appeals allowed, 691 refused. 2010/11 - 1,227 appeals allowed, 1,227 appeals refused.</p>

						<p>Please note allowed appeals are in favour of the appellant, refused appeals are in favour of the Council.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>a. In 2010 Newham Council received 18,220 informal challenges and 24,511 formal representations. In 2011, we received 25,254 informal challenges and 28,719 formal representations.</p> <p>b. To obtain this information would require manually checking each of the records identified above. At a rate of 199 PCN's per day (2 minutes per PCN) this would greatly exceed the appropriate limit for requests (taking approximately 485.9 days to complete).</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>c) Information regarding appeals to the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service can be found on London Council's website at the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm">http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm</a></p>
Business	11770	19/01/2012	16/02/2012	Environmental Health	<p>Subject : Smoking Ban Enforcement</p> <p>I would like to receive any information on the total</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Our records show that during the period requested, £1,750 has been</p>

					<p>figures of fines issued within your council in response to those breaching the 2007 UK Smoking Ban.</p> <p>I would like this information to be dated from the 1st July 2007 until present (i.e. the latest date in which such information may be stored).</p>	<p>issued in fines.</p>
Business	11771	20/01/2012	16/02/2012	Business Rates	<p>Subject : Business Rates Credits</p> <p>I would be obliged if you could forward the information requested below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of all genuine credits that are held on your business rates system, to include: credits written away to suspense/ control accounts</li> <li>• Amounts written off during the last 12 months</li> <li>• Credits which are due to non individuals.</li> </ul> <p>Please exclude all non genuine credits that may have arisen as a result of internal accounting practices.</p> <p>Could you please provide the following details:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of Company</li> <li>• Amount (Value)</li> <li>• Date credit arose</li> <li>• Property Address Including Postcode</li> <li>• Billing Address Including Postcode</li> <li>• Account Number</li> <li>• Property Reference Number</li> <li>• Property Reference Number</li> <li>• Reason for Credit</li> </ul>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>The names and addresses of the owners of these properties were provided solely for the purpose of paying property related rates. Disclosure of this information would be an actionable breach of confidence should the release of this information go on to result in actions, to the detriment of the owner.</p> <p>Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:  “41. (1) Information is exempt information if –  (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and  (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p> <p>(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1) (a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.”</p> <p>Section 31 - Law enforcement  This information is also exempt under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law Enforcement. This exemption applies</p>

						<p>because the release of these details would prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Credits can be provided to companies in a variety of ways, including directly to a company representative by cash or cheque. Due to limited means of personal verification it is possible that credits could be claimed fraudulently.</p> <p>It has been concluded that disclosure of this information is not in the public interest as the disclosure of these details may lead to criminal activities such as fraud.</p>
Public	11774	20/01/2012	16/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject : Planning Staff</p> <p>This request for information relates to the Council's employment practices within the planning department (including development control, enforcement and planning policy). I am interested in data relating to professional planning staff with responsibilities up to and including senior planner level.</p> <p>Can you please provide the following information and if possible provide separate figures for development control, enforcement and planning policy.</p> <p>Can you please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The number of council's employees employed on a permanent basis</li> <li>2) The number of council's employees employed on a temporary basis</li> <li>3) The number of agency workers</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The number of employees employed as and in the capacity of a professionally qualified town planner, currently working in the areas of Planning, Enforcement and Development Control, total 33. Of these 33 planners, 20 are permanent, 3 are on a fixed term contract and 10 are employed via an agency.</p> <p>There are 8 professional planner posts in policy .One planner is on a fixed term contract.</p>
Public	11772	20/01/2012	16/02/2012	CYPS -	Subject : School Playing Fields	Summary:

				Schools Traded Services	Could you please supply, as a single figure in square kilometres, the total area of school fields that are in schools that are controlled by the local authority.	The total area of school fields controlled by Newham Council is 0.257 km2.
Public	11784	23/01/2012	16/02/2012	PARKS	<p>Subject : Adventure Playground Facilities</p> <p>1. How many Adventure Playgrounds are there currently within your Borough?</p> <p>2. Of these, how many are run by the Council and how many by third sector bodies?</p> <p>3. How does this compare to the number of Adventure Playgrounds in your Borough at the start of the financial year 2009/2010?</p> <p>4. Do you have any published plans to reduce the provision of Adventure Playgrounds?</p> <p>5. If you do have a provision for Adventure Playgrounds which department of your Council has responsibility for this service?</p> <p>6. If you do have a provision for Adventure Playgrounds please give details of the age range of young persons which make up the target user group.</p> <p>7. Do you have any special provision of Adventure Playgrounds designed for disabled users?</p> <p>8. If you do have provision for Adventure Playgrounds please provide details of the number of staff employed delivering this service. Please also provide details of the number of staff employed</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. How many Adventure Playgrounds are there currently within your Borough? Answer: Two</p> <p>2. Of these, how many are run by the Council and how many by third sector bodies? Answer: They are both run by third sector bodies.</p> <p>3. How does this compare to the number of Adventure Playgrounds in your Borough at the start of the financial year 2009/2010? Answer: There is no difference in number.</p> <p>4. Do you have any published plans to reduce the provision of Adventure Playgrounds? Answer: No.</p> <p>5. If you do have a provision for Adventure Playgrounds which department of your Council has responsibility for this service? Answer: N/A.</p> <p>6. If you do have a provision for Adventure Playgrounds please give details of the age range of young persons which make up the target user group. Answer: N/A.</p> <p>7. Do you have any special provision of Adventure Playgrounds designed for disabled users? Answer: No.</p>

					<p>delivering this service at the start of the financial year 2009/2010.</p> <p>9. If you have structure charts for this type of service please provide copies of these. Names of staff should, of course, be redacted. If the current structure charts differ from those at the start of the financial year 2009/2010 then please also provide charts for that year.</p>	<p>8. If you do have provision for Adventure Playgrounds please provide details of the number of staff employed delivering this service. Please also provide details of the number of staff employed delivering this service at the start of the financial year 2009/2010. Answer: N/A.</p> <p>9. If you have structure charts for this type of service please provide copies of these. Names of staff should, of course, be redacted. If the current structure charts differ from those at the start of the financial year 2009/2010 then please also provide charts for that year. Answer: N/A.</p>
Media	11779	23/01/2012	16/02/2012	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Summary : Clearance of Olympic Site</p> <p>I should like to request the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people had to move in order to make room to build the Olympic Park?</li> <li>2. How many tenants were evicted from council housing?</li> <li>3. How many private homes were bought? - between the dates 01/01/2006-01/01/2012</li> </ol> <p>It would be helpful if you were to provide any brief notes which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>This information is held by the London Development Agency. Please contact them directly, details can be found below: <a href="http://www.lda.gov.uk/contact/index.aspx">http://www.lda.gov.uk/contact/index.aspx</a></p>
Public	11773	20/01/2012	17/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject : Recruitment of Planning Officers</p> <p>This request for information relates to recent recruitment advertisements placed on your website for qualified town planners (up to senior planner</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. How many applications did you receive for the post advertised? - As above, a total of 113 applicants for the 6 recruitment adverts.</p>

				<p>level) including development control, enforcement and planning policy planners.</p> <p>I am interested in data for the last 12 months</p> <p>Please provide data for each advertised post separately indicating the position title and indicate the month and year when the post was closed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many applications did you receive for the post advertised?</li> <li>2. How many candidates had more than two years post qualification experience?</li> <li>3. How many were shortlisted for interview?</li> <li>4. How many attended interview?</li> <li>5. How many candidates were of non British nationality?</li> <li>6. How many non British candidates were shortlisted for interview?</li> <li>7. How many candidates received in the past a planning bursary from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to help them finance their studies?</li> <li>8. Was anyone recruited for the post?</li> <li>9. If answer to question 8 is yes - Was the successful candidate already an employee or agency worker?</li> <li>10. If answer to question 8 is yes - Did the successful candidate have prior experience of working for a local authority?</li> <li>11. If answer to question 8 is yes – Did the successful candidate receive the DCLG planning bursary?</li> <li>12. Please provide a copy of any paper based exercise/test used in the interview(s) or recruitment for this specific</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. How many candidates had more than two years post qualification experience - Information not available - applicant information is destroyed after 6 months in accordance with the retention policy.</li> <li>3. How many were shortlisted for interview? - As above - 35 applicants were shortlisted for interview</li> <li>4. How many attended interview? - As above, 30 shortlisted candidates attended interview</li> <li>5. How many candidates were of non British nationality? Information not available as applicants are not asked their nationality until an offer of appointment is made.</li> <li>6. How many non British candidates were shortlisted for interview? As above, we don't hold information on the nationality of applicants.</li> <li>7. How many candidates received in the past a planning bursary from DCLG - Information not available - this is not something we ask applicants.</li> <li>8. Was anyone recruited for the post? - As above, there was a total of 16 appointments</li> <li>9. If answer to question 8 is yes - Was the successful candidate already an employee or agency worker? - As above, 14 of the 16 appointed candidates were internal and/or agency staff</li> <li>10. If answer to question 8 is yes - Did the successful candidate have prior experience of working for a local authority? - All the candidates have experience of working for a local authority (14 of them already worked in Newham)</li> <li>11. If answer to question 8 is yes – Did the successful candidate receive the DCLG planning bursary? Information not available - this is not something we ask candidates.</li> <li>12. Please provide a copy of any paper based exercise/test used in the interview(s) or recruitment for this specific post, in addition evaluating any interviewee's interview/exercise/task - Please see attached a copy of the written test for the post of the Principal Planner.</li> </ol>
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					<p>post, in addition to any document/form or documents/forms used for scoring or evaluating any interviewee's exercise/task.</p> <p>13. What was the Job Title or Designation of all those who conducted or participated in the interview(s) for this particular post?</p>	<p>13. What was the Job Title or Designation of all those who conducted or participated in the interview(s) for this particular post? - Where available information is provided above, otherwise records are not available.</p>																								
Public	11775	23/01/2012	20/02/2012	Finance	<p>Subject : Local Authority Budgets</p> <p>- The local authority's gross budget for the years 2006-2011. If you have details of this for 2012, I would appreciate that too.</p> <p>- The local authority's net budget for the years 2006-2011. If you have details of this for 2012, I would appreciate that too.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see information below: Please note all figures are in (£) millions.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>2010/11</th> <th>2009/10</th> <th>2008/09</th> <th>2007/08</th> <th>2006/07</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Gross Expenditure</b></td> <td>1,426</td> <td>1,594</td> <td>1,323</td> <td>1,287</td> <td>1,188</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Gross Income</b></td> <td>1,131</td> <td>1,306</td> <td>1,043</td> <td>1,027</td> <td>938</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Budget Requirement</b></td> <td>294</td> <td>288</td> <td>280</td> <td>261</td> <td>250</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>As a Local Authority it is essential to have a balanced budget so any shortfall has to be funded from reserves and balances.</p> <p>In addition, we have a budget requirement which is money we raise through council tax, NNDR and government grants. We therefore set our budgets around this. We are not able to spend more than the gross expenditure plus any available balances and we are required to maintain prudent levels.</p> <p>Please see below link to the Council's Budget Book which may be of interest:  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/budgetbook.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/budgetbook.htm</a></p>	Year	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07	<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	1,426	1,594	1,323	1,287	1,188	<b>Gross Income</b>	1,131	1,306	1,043	1,027	938	<b>Budget Requirement</b>	294	288	280	261	250
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Public Bodies	11782	23/01/2012	20/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Allocation of Personal Budgets</p> <p>1. If your council operates a points-based resource</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We do not use a points based RAS.</p>																								

					<p>allocation system (RAS) for adult social care, please provide:</p> <p>a) A copy of the RAS questionnaire</p> <p>b) Documentation explaining how needs identified in the questionnaire are converted into points</p> <p>c) Documentation explaining how points are translated in to a cash amount for indicative personal budgets</p> <p>2. If your council does not operate a points based RAS, please provide details, and any relevant documents, describing how cash amounts for personal budgets are calculated.</p> <p>3. What is the hourly charge made to older people (aged 65+) receiving home care?</p> <p>4. What charge is made to older people per meal received under meals on wheels schemes?</p> <p>5. What is the average charge made to older people for transport to day-care facilities?</p> <p>6. What (if any) is the maximum amount per week that individuals are expected to contribute per week towards their community care services and/or personal budgets?</p>	<p>2. We use a Ready Reckoned tool to calculate cash amounts for personal budgets. Please find template attached.</p> <p>3. £11.62</p> <p>4. £5.35</p> <p>5. There is currently no charge for transport to day centres.</p> <p>6. £200</p>
Organisation	11796	24/01/2012	21/02/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject : Management Information</p> <p>May I be sent the name and the job title of the officers with specific responsibility for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communications</li> <li>2. Customer Services</li> <li>3. HR</li> <li>4. Partnerships</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please note the below officers are based at Newham Dockside (please see address below). All officers are contactable via the Council's contact centre on 0208 430 2000.</p> <p>Newham Council does ask that its staff are not sent any unsolicited promotional or other sales materials/communications or added to</p>

				<p>5. Strategy</p> <p>6. Scrutiny</p> <p>7. Voluntary &amp; Community Sector Grants</p> <p>8. Website</p> <p>May I also be sent the address of the building that there office is located in, their telephone extension, their email address, and if these sections have a generic email address then that too?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section Name</li> <li>• Generic Email</li> <li>• Lead Officer</li> <li>• Job Title</li> <li>• Office Location</li> <li>• Email</li> <li>• Telephone Number</li> </ul> <p>If the section is not called Communications, Customer Services, HR, Partnerships, Strategy, Scrutiny, Voluntary &amp; Community Sector Grants, and Website then may I also be sent the full name of their sections?</p>	<p>any such mailing lists. Our staff are very busy and any procurement activity is done by the Council on a corporate basis.</p> <p>1. Communications Milly Camley – <a href="mailto:Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk">Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>2. Customer Services Chris Boylett – <a href="mailto:Chris.boylett@newham.gov.uk">Chris.boylett@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>3. HR Steve Whitehead – <a href="mailto:Steve.whitehead@newham.gov.uk">Steve.whitehead@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>4. Partnerships Milly Camley – <a href="mailto:Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk">Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>5. Strategy Milly Camley – <a href="mailto:Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk">Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>6. Scrutiny Clive Mentzel - <a href="mailto:Clive.mentzel@newham.gov.uk">Clive.mentzel@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>7. Voluntary &amp; Community Sector Grants Stephen Collins – <a href="mailto:Stephen.collins@newham.gov.uk">Stephen.collins@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>8. Website Milly Camley – <a href="mailto:Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk">Milly.camley@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Address: Newham Dockside 1000 Dockside London E16 2QU</p>	
Business	11787	24/01/2012	21/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject: Care home providers</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, questions 1 – 6 relate</p>	Summary:

				<p>solely to the weekly fees paid by the local authority to independent care home providers for the provision of care to elderly service users.</p> <p>1. Has the local authority, at any point since 2000, instructed independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in order to assess an appropriate fee level? If yes, in what year.</p> <p>2. In the wake of the recent court activity (previously outlined), has the local authority instructed independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in order to assess an appropriate fee level for the forthcoming 2012/13 fee review?</p> <p>3. If the response to 2 is no, is there an intention to instruct independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in due course?</p> <p>4. Have historic elderly care fees paid by the local authority reflected, through a banding or similar methodology, the varying quality levels of accommodation and/or care available within independent care homes?</p> <p>5. If the response to 4 is yes, were the CQC Star Grades utilised and, if so, have differentiated fee levels now been disbanded with the demise of CQC Star Grades?</p> <p>6. Is the local authority keen to encourage quality environment and care in future through the adoption of variable fee levels rewarding/penalising care home operators dependent upon the quality of service provision?</p> <p>7. Does the local authority operate care homes for the elderly (permanent or respite)?</p>	<p>For the avoidance of doubt, questions 1 – 6 relate solely to the weekly fees paid by the local authority to independent care home providers for the provision of care to elderly service users.</p> <p>1. Has the local authority, at any point since 2000, instructed independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in order to assess an appropriate fee level? If yes, in what year.</p> <p>Answer: No.</p> <p>2. In the wake of the recent court activity (previously outlined), has the local authority instructed independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in order to assess an appropriate fee level for the forthcoming 2012/13 fee review?</p> <p>Answer: No.</p> <p>3. If the response to 2 is no, is there an intention to instruct independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in due course?</p> <p>Answer: No, such an exercise would be conducted in-house.</p> <p>4. Have historic elderly care fees paid by the local authority reflected, through a banding or similar methodology, the varying quality levels of accommodation and/or care available within independent care homes?</p> <p>Answer: No. The quality score has not been reflected in price. The price has been based on the level of need.</p> <p>5. If the response to 4 is yes, were the CQC Star Grades utilised and, if so, have differentiated fee levels now been disbanded with the demise of CQC Star Grades?</p> <p>Answer: N/A.</p>
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Public	11798	24/01/2012	21/02/2012	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject: Planning Applications</p> <p>1) In total how many planning applications were received by Newham Council in financial year 2010-2011?</p> <p>2) How many planning applications were approved in financial year 2010-2011?</p> <p>3) Out of the total planning applications made for building in financial year 2010-2011 how many were on designated Greenbelt land?</p> <p>4) Out of the total planning applications for building on designated Greenbelt land how many were approved in financial year 2010-2011?</p> <p>5) In total how many planning applications were received for building on;</p> <p>a) Low flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case Section 21 exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information.</p> <p>Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and as such there is no public interest test to apply.</p> <p>Information regarding planning applications and decisions is publically available and searchable on the Newham website via the statutory public planning register:</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningApplications/ViewPlanningandBuildingControlApplicationsOnline.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningApplications/ViewPlanningandBuildingControlApplicationsOnline.htm</a></p>

					<p>b) Moderate flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?</p> <p>c) Significant flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?</p> <p>6) Out of the total planning application for building on flood zones how many were approved on;</p> <p>a) Low flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?</p> <p>b) Moderate flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?</p> <p>c) Significant flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?</p>	
Public	11786	24/01/2012	21/02/2012	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Riots</p> <p>) What action has been taken against families or individuals that were involved in the riots/looting last summer?</p> <p>2) At the time, authorities said they would withdraw housing benefits and therefore effectively evict people that were involved. Did your council do this?</p> <p>a) If so, how many had their housing benefits withdrawn?</p> <p>b) How many have been evicted?</p> <p>c) How much money was each individual/ family claiming in housing benefits?</p> <p>d) How much has the council saved through these evictions?</p> <p>e) Have you withdrawn other kinds of benefits from individuals/ families involved in riots? If so, how much? Please give details.</p> <p>f) Please provide as much detail as possible about each individual or family involved, including who</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Following last year's public disorder incidents the Police and Council have worked in close partnership to take appropriate action against those involved.</p> <p>We published a special, 12-page edition of the council's flagship publication, the Newham Mag, within ten days of the disturbances taking place. This featured more than thirty CCTV images of perpetrators and was distributed to every home in the borough, as well as to public offices and a number of businesses. Since then we have worked closely with partners in the Police to source and publish 225 images across ten issues of the fortnightly magazine. Newham Police has arrested 170 people so far and charged 88 with offences related to the disorder - a number of these cases have been directly linked to the work the Council undertook. The Police have described our support for their work as "outstanding".</p> <p>2.</p> <p>a. We did not progress with the withdrawal of housing benefits from claimants suspected of involvement in the public disorder as no new legislation giving effect to such powers were passed.</p>

					they are, where they are living now or if they are homeless.	<p>b. One LBN tenant involved in the disturbances was evicted. Following a review of all suspects the individual was found to have rent arrears and eviction on these grounds was expedited.</p> <p>c-f. Not applicable.</p>
Public	11799	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	Recycling, Cleansing and Waste collection Policy	<p>Subject: Waste Recycling Centres</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act can you please provide the following information by e-mail.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Your current supplier managing your Household Waste Recycling Centres/Civic Amenity Sites.</li> <li>2. The length of the contract and when it is due for renewal including any optional periods to extend the contract.</li> <li>3. A copy of the winning tender.</li> </ol> <p>Please exclude any commercially confidential information.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The management of Newham's Waste Recycling Centre located at Jenkins Lane is overseen by the East London Waste Authority (ELWA.) It may be useful to note Newham is part of the ELWA along with three other local authorities. The ELWA has sub-contracted Shanks East London to operate its waste disposal and recycling services.</li> <li>2. This contract commenced in 2002 and ends in 2027.</li> <li>3. We do not hold the documentation requested.</li> </ol> <p>This information would be held by the East London Waste Authority as this is a joint contract held with other local authorities and not directly through Newham's own procurement processes, through which the original winning tender would usually be held.</p> <p>For your ease of reference, please see below the contact details for the East London Waste Authority.</p> <p>East London Waste Authority 1st Floor Harvey House St Edward's Court London Road Romford RM7 9QD Tel: 020 8724 5803</p>

						<p>Email <a href="mailto:elwaofficemanager@eastlondonwaste.gov.uk">elwaofficemanager@eastlondonwaste.gov.uk</a></p> <p>For your further reference in respect of the waste management of East London, you may be interested in the Joint Waste Development Plan Document (DPD) which sets out a planning strategy for sustainable waste management. Please see the relevant link below.</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/JointWasteDPDExaminationinPublic.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/JointWasteDPDExaminationinPublic.htm</a></p>
Public	11808	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Support for Adults with Learning Disabilities</p> <p>1. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability were known to social services in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12?</p> <p>2. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability attended day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12:</p> <p>i. 5 days a week or more ii. 4 days a week iii. 3 days a week iv. 2 days a week v. 1 day a week vi. 0 days a week?</p> <p>3. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability attended the following type of day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12:</p> <p>i. day centres ii. employment</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see response below. Please note we have provided what information is available within the appropriate time limit. The information regarding all other questions is not collated electronically in the requested format as increasingly people are purchasing their own services via personal budgets. Whilst these are recorded in people's individual support plans, the description of those activities may not be categorised as "day activities". Collating such information would require some assumptions as to the type of activity rather than the outcome sought, and would only be available through manually checking each person's case records/support plans which 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 have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act. This section states: where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit a public authority is not obliged 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>iii. education iv. voluntary work v. other activities?</p> <p>4. How many a) day centre places and b) equivalent day service places for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability were funded by the local authority in the following financial years: a)2009/10 b)2010/11 c)2011/12;</p> <p>and how many do you expect will be funded in d) 2012/13?</p> <p>5. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability who attended day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12 lived:</p> <p>i. in the family home ii. in their own home iii. in supported accommodation iv. in residential accommodation?</p> <p>6. If there have been day service closures within the local authority, have any alternative services been put in place for those who attended the day centre; i.e. new learning disability-specific community activities or transport to/from suitable existing day activities?</p> <p>7. If there have been day service closures within the local authority, were consultations held, and if so, what were the consultation periods? Please provide full details (excluding personal/confidential data) of all consultation responses and the resulting statement from the council.</p>	<p>1. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability were known to social services in a) 2009/10 = 631. b) 2010/11 = 597. c) 2011/12? = 592 (as at Feb 2012).</p> <p>2. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability attended day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12: i. 5 days a week or more ii. 4 days a week iii. 3 days a week iv. 2 days a week v. 1 day a week vi. 0 days a week? Section 12 - please see above.</p> <p>3. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability attended the following type of day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12: i. day centres ii. employment iii. education iv. voluntary work v. other activities? Section 12 – please see above.</p> <p>4. How many a) day centre places and b) equivalent day service places for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability were funded by the local authority in the following financial years: a) 2009/10 235 directly commissioned placements. b) 2010/11 155 directly commissioned placements. c) 2011/12; Section 12 – please see above. and how many do you expect will be funded in d) 2012/13? Section 12 – please see above.</p> <p>5. How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability who</p>
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				<p>8. Have charges for any of the following services increased since 1st April 2009:</p> <p>i. day centre attendance  ii. transport to and from day activities  iii. any related activities;</p> <p>and if so by how much?</p>	<p>attended day activities in  a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12 lived:  i. in the family home  ii. in their own home  iii. in supported accommodation  iv. in residential accommodation?  Section 12 – please see above.</p> <p>6. If there have been day service closures within the local authority, have any alternative services been put in place for those who attended the day centre; i.e. new learning disability-specific community activities or transport to/from suitable existing day activities?  The in- house day centre for people with physical and sensory impairments, The Greenhill Centre, closed in September 2011, and was used by a small number of people with learning disabilities. All users were supported to purchase alternative services via personal budgets, including pooling support within friendship groups to access activities, and accessing alternative managed day opportunities services.  The Council facilitated the formations of a number of new groups for individuals who used to attend the Greenhill Centre, based around particular activities (e.g. an art group, gym group etc) that people can purchase through their individual budgets, and a 'Greenhill Group' that meets regularly and provides an opportunity for ex-Greenhill users to continue to meet with each other, and also acts as a forum for individuals to gain information and raise queries or concerns with the council.</p> <p>7. If there have been day service closures within the local authority, were consultations held, and if so, what were the consultation periods? Please provide full details (excluding personal/confidential data) of all consultation responses and the resulting statement from the council.  Please see the attached Provider Redesign Consultation Report.</p>
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						<p>8. Have charges for any of the following services increased since 1st April 2009 and if so by how much?</p> <p>i. day centre attendance - N/A</p> <p>ii. transport to and from day activities N/A</p> <p>iii. any related activities; Charging for meals while at a day centre has been introduced at a cost of £5.35 per day (where meals are provided).</p>
Public	11810	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	ICT	<p>Subject : Computer Hardware Maintenance</p> <p>I would like to request the following breakdown of the Council's hardware maintenance and costs:</p> <p>A list of the models of the physical servers, storage devices, tape libraries, network switches and routers under support contracts; as well as the cost and duration of said contracts, with start and end dates and service level associated with the equipment. Could you also supply the names of the suppliers of aforementioned support services?</p> <p>I would also request the name of the person/s in your organisation responsible for the maintenance support contracts.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below the information listed you have requested in respect of the Council's hardware maintenance and costs.</p> <p>Physical servers and storage devices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contract Title: Computer Hardware and core Server Hardware leased</li> <li>2. Supplier: Hewlett Packard</li> <li>3. Total Contract Value: £5,088,000 (includes lease and maintenance of servers and desktops)</li> <li>4. Duration: 10 years</li> <li>5. Contract Expiry Date: 1st October 2014</li> <li>6. Contact: Gary Sussex, Service Manager – Tel 020 3373 3324, <a href="mailto:gary.sussex@newham.gov.uk">gary.sussex@newham.gov.uk</a></li> </ol> <p>SLA : HP Hardware Maintenance Onsite Support, Parts and Materials provided, 4 hr onsite response, 24 hours, 7 days a week</p> <p>Physical servers:</p> <p>HP ProLiant BL20p G3  HP ProLiant BL25p G1  HP ProLiant BL25p G2  HP ProLiant BL40p  HP ProLiant BL45p G1</p>

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Public	11812	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject : Parking Enforcement - General Information</p> <p>I would like to request information on penalty charge notices issued in Newham over the last couple of years. How many per year or month or week have been issued? Do the civil enforcement officers have certain numbers to meet? How many officers do you have on payroll? What strategies are encouraged in issuing tickets if any? How many are appealed successfully? Any information would be useful.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) I would like to request information on penalty charge notices issued in Newham over the last couple of years. How many per year or month or week have been issued? Information in respect of the annual totals and type of penalty charge notices which have been issued over the past recent years can be found on the London Councils website.</p> <p>For your ease of reference, please see the link below to the relevant page and you will be able to select the Parking Enforcement statistics for recent years, as far back as 2004/5. Again these statistics are recorded by financial year, rather than calendar year.</p> <p><a href="http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm">http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm</a></p> <p>2) How many are appealed successfully? Information in respect of the annual totals of appeals which have been made against the issue of penalty charge notices which have been issued over the past recent years can be found on the London Councils website.</p> <p>For your ease of reference, please see the link below to the relevant page and you will be able to select the Parking Appeals statistics for recent years, as far back as 2004/5. Again these statistics are recorded by financial year, rather than calendar year.</p> <p><a href="http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm">http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm</a></p> <p>3) Do the civil enforcement officers have certain numbers to meet?</p>

						<p>No they do not have specific Penalty Charge Notice targets.</p> <p>4) What strategies are encouraged in issuing tickets if any? None. Officers are trained to follow set procedures to ensure that tickets are only issued where a contravention has taken place.</p> <p>5) How many officers do you have on payroll? For the years you have requested, the London Borough of Newham has not directly employed any parking wardens or Civil Enforcement Officers. It may be useful to note that during these years these activities have been contracted out to Parking Enforcement contractors. During 2008 and the beginning of 2009, Newham's parking enforcement was carried out by Vinci Ltd and since August 2009 to the present, our Parking Enforcement is completed by Mouchel.</p> <p>For your reference, please see below the numbers of civil enforcement officers directly employed by our contractors for the given years.</p> <p>2008/2009 - a total of 202 civil enforcement officers were employed by the Council's contractor, VINCI Park UK Ltd. 2009/2010 - a total of 145 civil enforcement officers were employed by the Council's contractor, VINCI Park UK Ltd, in 2009 (from 01/04/2009 to 31/08/2009) and a total of 126 civil enforcement officers were employed by the Council's contractor, Mouchel Ltd, in 2009/10 (from 01/09/2009 to 31/03/2010). Some of the VINCI Park UK Ltd officers were transferred to Mouchel Ltd and therefore may be counted twice in the two sets of figures (i.e. once for each company). 2010/2011 - a total of 108 civil enforcement officers have been employed by the Council's contractor, Mouchel Ltd.</p>
Public	11813	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject : Senior Management Team - Salaries</p> <p>Could you please advise on the salary level being</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1-7 (except 3) The salary range for the Divisional Directors</p>

					<p>paid to the following members of staff:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Director - Strategic Commissioning &amp; Partnership Development</li> <li>2. Director - Strategic Regeneration, Planning &amp; Olympic Legacy</li> <li>3. Director - Public Health</li> <li>4. Director - Community Infrastructure</li> </ol> <p>NO NUMBER 5 - ENTERED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Director - Business Systems, Property and Commercial</li> <li>7. Director - Safety &amp; Enforcement</li> </ol>	<p>requested is £93,720 - £110,568.</p> <p>3. The Director of Public Health is an employee of the National Health Service. We do not hold this information as we are not the employer.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that senior staff salaries are disclosed online on the Newham website, on the link below  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Seniormanagementsalaries.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Seniormanagementsalaries.htm</a></p> <p>This link will be updated in the near future to reflect recent organisational restructure of services within the Council and the revised services of the Divisional Directors. We therefore rely upon Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act. The information requested would be exempt as it is held with a view to publication at a future date.</p>
Public	11815	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject : Senior Management Team - Salaries</p> <p>Could you please advise on the annual salary awarded to the following people :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Director - Strategic Community &amp; Commissioning</li> <li>2. Executive Director - Operations</li> <li>3. Executive Director - Resources &amp; Commercial Development</li> <li>4. Executive Director - Regeneration and Inward Investment</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The salary range for the four Executive Directors requested is £143,547 - £160,002.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that the annual remuneration of the Executive team can be found within the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts.</p> <p>For your reference please see below the link to the Newham website. For the last financial year 2010/2011, this information may be found at page 51.</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/statementofaccounts.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/statementofaccounts.htm</a></p> <p>It may be useful to note that senior staff salaries are disclosed online on the Newham website, on the link below  <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Seniormanagementsalaries.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Seniormanagementsalaries.htm</a></p>

						<p><a href="#">es.htm</a></p> <p>This link will be updated in the near future to reflect recent organisational restructure of services within the Council. We therefore rely upon Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as the information would be exempt as it is held with a view to publication at a future date.</p>
Public	11817	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	Chief Executive and CE's Office	<p>Subject : CE attendance at West Ham Hospitality Events</p> <p>Could you please list all the corporate hospitality events attended by the Chief Executive courtesy of West Ham football club during the past 12 months?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below the list of corporate hospitality events attended by the Chief Executive courtesy of West Ham football club during the past twelve months (1st Feb 2011 - 1st Feb 2012.)</p> <p>19th March 2011 – Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham football match  16th May 2011 - West Ham Awards Dinner  22nd May 2011 - Sunderland v West Ham football match  2nd January 2012 - Coventry v West Ham football match</p>
Public	11819	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	ICT	<p>Subject : Hardware Maintenance - Newham Homes</p> <p>I would like to request the following breakdown of the ALMO's hardware maintenance and costs:</p> <p>A list of the models of the physical servers, storage devices, tape libraries, network switches and routers under support contracts; as well as the cost and duration of said contracts, with start and end dates and service level associated with the equipment. Could you also supply the names of the suppliers of aforementioned support services?</p> <p>I would also request the name of the person/s in your organisation responsible for the maintenance support contracts.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The former ALMO (Newham Homes) systems run over the same systems and the equipment as other Council systems and are covered by the two contracts below. Please note that the services delivered by Newham Homes were brought back under the Council's control in April 2011.</p> <p>Physical servers and storage devices:</p> <p>1.Contract Title: Computer Hardware and core Server Hardware leased  2.Supplier: Hewlett Packard  3.Total Contract Value: £5,088,000 (includes lease and maintenance of servers and desktops  4.Duration: 10 years</p>

					<p>5.Contract Expiry Date: 01-Oct-14  6. Contact Gary Sussex, Service Manager, 020 3373 3324,  <a href="mailto:gary.sussex@newham.gov.uk">gary.sussex@newham.gov.uk</a></p> <p>SLA : HP Hardware Maintenance Onsite Support, Parts and Materials provided, 4 hr onsite response, 24 * 7</p> <p>Physical servers:</p> <p>HP ProLiant BL20p G3  HP ProLiant BL25p G1  HP ProLiant BL25p G2  HP ProLiant BL40p  HP ProLiant BL45p G1  HP ProLiant BL460c G6  HP ProLiant BL465c G1  HP ProLiant BL465c G5  HP ProLiant BL685c G1  HP ProLiant DL180 G6  HP ProLiant DL185 G5  HP ProLiant DL320 G6  HP ProLiant DL360 G3  HP ProLiant DL360 G4  HP ProLiant DL360 G4p  HP ProLiant DL360 G5  HP ProLiant DL360 G7  HP ProLiant DL365 G1  HP ProLiant DL380 G3  HP ProLiant DL380 G4  HP ProLiant DL380 G6  HP ProLiant DL380 G7  Compaq ProLiant DL580 G2  HP ProLiant DL580 G5  HP ProLiant ML110 G4  Compaq ProLiant ML350 G2  Compaq ProLiant ML350 G3</p>
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Public	11800	25/01/2012	22/02/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Teachers strike</p> <p>I would like to request the following information in relation to the effect on schools in the local authority of the teacher's strike which took place on 30 November 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•How many schools remained fully or partially open?</li> <li>•How many schools were closed?</li> <li>•In how many schools did more than half of teachers go on strike?</li> <li>•In how many schools did less than half of teachers go on strike?</li> <li>•Of those schools where more than half of teachers went on strike, how many were fully or partially open, and how many were closed?</li> </ul>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>I would like to request the following information in relation to the effect on schools in the local authority of the teacher's strike which took place on 30 November 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•How many schools remained fully or partially open? 17.</li> <li>•How many schools were closed? 71.</li> <li>•In how many schools did more than half of teachers go on strike? 71.</li> <li>•In how many schools did less than half of teachers go on strike? 17.</li> <li>•Of those schools where more than half of teachers went on strike,</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of those schools where less than half of teachers went on strike, how many were fully or partially open, and how many were closed?</li> </ul>	<p>how many were fully or partially open, and how many were closed? All closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of those schools where less than half of teachers went on strike, how many were fully or partially open, and how many were closed? All fully or partially open.</li> </ul>
Public	11825	26/01/2012	22/02/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject : Warning Notices - Pre Enforcement</p> <p>I want to ask if the council was to reinforce any parking regulations or changes within the borough, for the interests of residents, should the council notify or give an imminent warning to the locals before issuing fines.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Warning Notices are not normally issued, however where there is a change in restriction warning notices are sometimes issued for a period of seven days. There is however no set policy in place nor is there any statutory requirement to warn local residents of potential enforcement action.</p> <p>The General Powers Act 1974 does not require a Local Authority to place signage advising of the restriction for which enforcement action may be undertaken.</p>
Public	11821	26/01/2012	22/02/2012	Housing Options Centre	<p>Subject : Homeless Numbers / Hostel Accommodation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide me with number of people registered homeless with your council?</li> <li>2. Provide me with number of hostels available within your council?</li> <li>3. Provide me with number of in-house hostels currently using agency care / support workers and their locations?</li> <li>4. Advise which of Q3 are expected to close in 2012?</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case Section 21 exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information.</li> </ol> <p>Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible by other means.</p> <p>The full details of the number of people registered homeless with Local Authorities can be found on the Department for Communities and Local Government website. For your ease of reference, please see below the link to the relevant page.</p> <p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/homelessnessstatistics/livatables/">http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/homelessnessstatistics/livatables/</a></p>

						<p>2. We do not manage or use hostels for temporary accommodation within the borough.</p> <p>3. Not applicable following response to Question 2.</p> <p>4. Not applicable following response to Question 2.</p>
Public	11823	26/01/2012	22/02/2012	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject : West Ham Olympic Bid Costs</p> <p>What were the full and final total costs of the Newham Council/West Ham United FC bid for the Olympic Stadium (to include all costs such as staffing etc.)?</p> <p>If the full costing is unavailable, what has been the cost to-date?</p> <p>What is Newham Council's financial contribution to those costs?</p> <p>Have there been any other contributors to those costs (from an individual or an organisation) other than from Newham Council and West Ham United FC?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The estimated spend by London Borough of Newham for the stadium bid from the start of the process (March 2010) to the time the Olympic Park Legacy Company terminated the process (October 2011) was £987,916. The costs include legal, financial and technical advice, including legal advice received in the defence of legal challenges to the bid.</p> <p>2. The spend given above relates to costs incurred by London Borough of Newham for the duration of the bid process. It should be noted approximately £400,000 worth of the completed work is transferable to the new process being run by the OPLC and therefore retains its value.</p> <p>3. The total amounts above are the figures for Newham Council. West Ham United incurred costs both on its own and as members of the Legacy Stadium Partnership. Any request for those costs should be addressed to West Ham United.</p> <p>4. No.</p>
Voluntary Sector	11826	26/01/2012	23/02/2012	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p>Subject: Excluded pupils/ PRUS.</p> <p>I would like to ascertain the number of KS3 &amp; KS4 children permanently excluded from mainstream school in the London Borough of Newham. The</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) There are 20 KS3 and 23 KS4 children permanently excluded from mainstream school in the borough.</p>

					capacity of PRUs in Newham, whether the PRUs are under or over subscribed. the pupil to teacher ratio at KS3 and KS4 in PRUs and the average financial cost per pupil in PRUs as opposed to the average KS3/KS4 pupil in mainstream education in the borough. I would like this information for the financial year ending March 2011/	<p>2) There are 148 places in two PRUs which run at capacity over the year. There is no waiting list for permanent exclusions as education is provided immediately for permanent exclusions.</p> <p>3) The pupil to teacher ratio at KS3 and 4 is 10:1.</p> <p>4) The average financial cost per pupil in PRUs is £20,000. The average cost per pupil in mainstream secondary schools is £5,846.</p>
Business	11822	26/01/2012	23/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Staffing levels within your Planning department</p> <p>For the financial year 2011-1012</p> <p>1.Total number of Full time equivalent posts within Development Control</p> <p>2.Total number of Full time equivalent posts within Planning Policy</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There are 10 professional planner posts within Development Control, excluding Head of Service.</p> <p>2. There are 8 professional planner posts in Planning Policy, excluding Head of Service.</p>
Media	11816	26/01/2012	23/02/2012	Internal Audit	<p>Subject: RIPA</p> <p>Please answer the following question in relation to your authority's use of the provisions under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act during the 2011 calendar year (1.1.11 to 31.12.11).</p> <p>1. In how many cases was there EITHER an application for directed surveillance or the acquisition of communications data (phone number subscriber details) made? Please give a brief summary of the circumstances surrounding each case.</p> <p>2. In how many of these cases was a staff member of your authority the subject of EITHER an</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. For the calendar year 2011 there have been a total of 44 applications for directed surveillance and a further 16 enquiries for the acquisition of communications data. Please see below the brief subject of each of these cases.</p> <p>Directed Surveillance</p> <p>1. Anti Social Behaviour</p> <p>2. Under Age Sales</p> <p>3. Under Age Sales</p> <p>4. Under Age Sales</p> <p>5. Under Age Sales</p> <p>6. Under Age Sales</p> <p>7. Under Age Sales</p> <p>8. Anti Social Behaviour</p>

					<p>application for directed surveillance or the acquisition of communications data (phone number subscriber details)? Please give a brief summary of the circumstances surrounding each case.</p>	<p>9. Under Age Sales 10. Under Age Sales 11. Under Age Sales 12. Under Age Sales 13. Under Age Sales 14. Under Age Sales 15. Licensing 16. Under Age Sales 17. Under Age Sales 18. Under Age Sales 19. Under Age Sales 20. Under Age Sales 21. Under Age Sales 22. Under Age Sales 23. Under Age Sales 24. Investigations on employee 25. Investigations on employee 26. Under Age Sales 27. Under Age Sales 28. Under Age Sales 29. Under Age Sales 30. Under Age Sales 31. Under Age Sales 32. Under Age Sales 33. Under Age Sales 34. Under Age Sales 35. Under Age Sales 36. Under Age Sales 37. Under Age Sales 38. Under Age Sales 39. Under Age Sales 40. Under Age Sales 41. Under Age Sales 42. Under Age Sales 43. Under Age Sales 44. Under Age Sales</p>
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						<p>Acquisition of Communications Data</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trading Standards</li> <li>2. Trading Standards</li> <li>3. Trading Standards</li> <li>4. Trading Standards</li> <li>5-11. Seven enquiries in respect of one criminal case.</li> <li>12-15. Four enquiries in respect of one criminal case.</li> <li>16. Criminal case.</li> </ol> <p>2. There were two instances where applications were made for directed surveillance on staff members during 2011. Both cases were in relation to suspected fraudulent activities.</p>
Media	11818	26/01/2012	23/02/2012	Anti-Social Behaviour	<p>Subject: Traveller sites</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During each of the last three financial years (08/09), (09/10), (10/11) how much has your Council spent on legal fees to remove travellers from illegal sites?</li> <li>2. During each of the last three financial years (08/09), (09/10), (10/11) how much has your Council spent removing waste and cleaning up and safe-guarding sites after the departure of travellers from illegal site?</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1 – 2. There were no such incidents in 2008/9 or 2009/10.</p> <p>There were two incidents of illegal sites in 2010/11. Below are the total costs associated with their removal. Please note we have provided the overall costs as it has not been possible to differentiate the exact amount in legal fees or clean up costs as officer time has also been factored into the costs.</p> <p>Incident 1: Total cost was less than £500. Costs relate to officer time exclusively (e.g. initial managerial assessment, monitoring visits and a number of enforcement visits to serve notices).</p> <p>Incident 2: Total cost was less than £2,000. This was a more involved case with a greater number of Council services involved. Following assessments and monitoring visits were made, enforcement notices were served and assistance from</p>

						the Police was required, which has been included in the costing. Minimal clean up costs have also been included in this total.
Public	11820	26/01/2012	23/02/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Asbestos in schools.</p> <p>Please could you tell me how many schools, which are covered by the council, are known - or are believed to -have asbestos in?</p> <p>For each school, please state the name of the school and state the number of pupils currently attending.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find spreadsheet attached of those schools in the borough which contain asbestos and the number of pupils attending.</p> <p>Please note that any asbestos containing materials (ACMs) in a school which are correctly managed, pose minimal risk to pupils.</p> <p>Each school under Newham's control has had an asbestos management survey carried out on site in accordance with national standards. The asbestos management survey identifies where on the school site asbestos containing materials are located. This information is used to risk assess the condition of the material and also the likelihood of it releasing asbestos. Therefore any asbestos remaining is assessed not to pose a risk and is monitored and managed as part of an agreed and robust plan.</p> <p>The Local Authority has developed arrangements, in consultation with schools, for managing asbestos through the School Health and Safety Management System. Detailed guidance on how head teachers and other managers facilitate this are set out in Standard Procedures. There has been a rolling programme of asbestos surveys and re-surveys from 2006 to 2011.</p> <p>For your reference, please find attached an outline asbestos management plan which would be completed by each school.</p> <p>The Local Authority has developed arrangements, in consultation with schools, for managing asbestos through the School Health and Safety Management System.</p> <p>School Head Teachers are classed as duty holders under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006. As such, they have to produce an asbestos management plan for their school site. The plan is a</p>

						<p>document that lists where all the materials that contain asbestos are located on the school site, along with the control measures taken to prevent damage to the materials. As part of the control measures, regular inspections of the materials take place, all staff who work in areas with asbestos containing materials are told to report any suspected damage to the duty holder immediately.</p> <p>Head Teachers are responsible for ensuring that staff, contractors and other school users are aware of the location of all ACMs that they could encounter, the procedure for reporting damage, keeping asbestos in good condition and removal if necessary. Head Teachers are responsible for ensuring that staff receives the appropriate training.</p> <p>The Asbestos Audit team provide the information to schools on asbestos on their sites and give reports on location and condition. It is for the schools to prepare the risk assessments.</p> <p>Should you require access to individual assessments/management plans you may contact the schools directly. For your reference, please see below the link to the Newham website providing the contact details of Newham's schools.</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolsDirectory/default.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolsDirectory/default.htm</a></p>
Public	11824	26/01/2012	23/02/2012	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject : West Ham Bid -</p> <p>Please provide me with details (e-mails, documentation etc) regarding Newham Council's discussions with its bid partner, West Ham United FC, concerning seating arrangements for the Olympic Stadium that formed any part of the partner's strategy for taking over the stadium as per the joint bid.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Detailed information (e-mails, documentation etc) from the previous Bid for the Olympic Stadium was the subject to a confidentiality agreement with the Olympic Park Legacy Company and West Ham United (the company). Therefore this information is exempt from disclosure under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Council cannot release the information requested.</p>

					<p>Please include all and any provisions regarding seating that were submitted to the OPLC as a part of the bid.</p>	<p>Under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 information is exempt information if –</p> <p>(a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and</p> <p>(b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p> <p>In determining whether this section is engaged the following factors have been considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether the information was imparted in circumstances creating an obligation of confidence?</li> <li>• whether the information has the necessary quality of confidence?</li> <li>• whether a detriment would be suffered by party communicating it by its disclosure; and</li> <li>• whether a disclosure would be actionable by the confider?</li> </ul> <p>There is an obligation of confidence by virtue of the Confidentiality Agreement referred to above. We consider that the information has the necessary quality of confidence as it is more than trivial and is not already in the public domain. The potential detriment to the company’s commercial interests is outlined below. We consider that there is a high likelihood that the company could take legal action against the council for breach of confidence.</p> <p>Section 41 is an absolute exemption, so there is no need to consider the public interest test.</p> <p>In addition, consider that the information is exempt under section 43 of the Act.</p> <p>Section 43 (2) may be engaged if “release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interest of any person (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any</p>
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						<p>other legal entity).”</p> <p>A tendering process is being conducted in order to identify a suitable bidder for the stadium post the 2012 Games. See attached: <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/news/2010/november/newhamandwesthamolympicshortlist.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/news/2010/november/newhamandwesthamolympicshortlist.htm</a></p> <p>As such, we consider that disclosure would be likely to provide useful information to competitors and therefore weaken the company’s and the council’s bargaining position during the procurement process and contractual negotiations. This would effectively undermine the whole tendering and commercial process. Also, disclosure would be likely to affect both the company and the council’s income and budget and essentially, the availability of financial resources for residents.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the public interest is served by promoting transparency and accountability by public authorities for decisions taken by them and that the substance of the information may relate closely to a matter of public importance about which public debate could be informed by its disclosure. On the other hand, however, we recognise and feel that there is a greater public interest in maintaining confidentiality and protecting commercially sensitive information, release of which could damage commercial interests, including the local authority. Also, given that information was provided to the local authority in confidence, we consider that disclosure would make it less likely that companies or individuals would provide the local authority with commercially sensitive information in the future and consequently undermine the ability of the local authority to fulfil its public role.</p>
Public	11814	27/01/2012	23/02/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Polish pupils</p> <p>Once again I am seeking an update for January 2012 on behalf of the Federation of Poles in Great Britain and the Polish Education Society on the</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the number of Polish speaking children attending schools in the borough. These figures are taken from the October 2011 Census which is the latest available information and</p>

					<p>number of Polish-speaking children in London primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>I wonder also whether your statistics would no longer cover any of the new academies in your respective Boroughs.</p>	<p>includes data for Academies (highlighted).</p> <p>Please note in schools where the total number of Polish speaking children is below 5, numbers are suppressed to avoid identification of individuals.</p>
Public	11831	30/01/2012	23/02/2012	Communications/Press office/publicity	<p>Subject: Burns nights</p> <p>How much did the Burns night at Stratford Town Hall on Friday 27 January 2012 cost and much was the bill for Newham Council? In other words, total cost, cost borne from private funding, cost borne from public funding.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Burns Supper organised by the London Borough of Newham is a self-funded event that raises money for charity. Income is generated from private funds including ticket sales and commercial sponsorship. This year's chosen charity, Help for Heroes, will receive a donation of £3,027.07.</p> <p>Please find below a breakdown of the amounts requested.</p> <p>Total Cost: £24,572.93  Total Income: £27,600  Profit: £3,027.07  Cost paid using private funding: £24,572.93  Cost paid using public funding: £0.00</p>
Public	11859	30/01/2012	23/02/2012	Buildings and Facilities Management	<p>Subject : Property Portfolio Management</p> <p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking the following information with respect to your buildings/property portfolio:</p> <p>a) Person responsible for Architecture/design  b) Contact e-mail  c) Phone number  d) Address</p> <p>e) Person responsible for Building Services</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1-4. Head of Technical Resources - David Law  david.law@newham.gov.uk  via Contact Centre on 0208 430 2000</p> <p>5. Head of Strategic Property - Antony Kingston  antony.kingston@newham.gov.uk  via Contact Centre on 0208 430 2000</p> <p>It may be useful to note that overseeing of the responsibilities you listed in your request would be Michael Flanagan, Divisional</p>

					<p>Engineering (e.g. heating, lighting, ventilation etc.).</p> <p>i) Person responsible for Quantity Surveying (Building Cost)</p> <p>m) Person responsible for Building Maintenance</p> <p>q) Person responsible for Property Strategy/Asset Management</p> <p>The persons above could be either local authority employees or external providers responsible for managing those services on behalf of your authority.</p>	<p>Director for Business Systems, Property and Commercial Development. Email : <a href="mailto:michael.flanagan@newham.gov.uk">michael.flanagan@newham.gov.uk</a> or via Contact Centre on 0208 430 2000</p> <p>All officers are contactable via post at the Newham Dockside address at the head of the letter.</p>
Public Bodies	11846	30/01/2012	23/02/2012	Members - Other	<p>Subject : Community Cohesion</p> <p>How many posts (fulltime equivalent) are there in Newham with a cohesion remit, what are their job titles, and are these posts are dedicated to community cohesion or whether this is a part of a wider role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any events aimed at specific equality strands, such as Black History Month, International Women's Day, LGBT History month?</li> <li>• If so, which team or officers are responsible for these?</li> <li>• what is the annual budget for cohesion, including events such as those listed above?</li> </ul> <p>many thanks for your help; I am fact finding about how nearby boroughs deliver cohesion; in particular what resourcing levels are dedicated to cohesion issues.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council does not have any specific roles relating solely to community cohesion. The Council's Equality and Cohesion Plan places an emphasis on all council services and individual officers supporting community cohesion through accessibility to services and engagement in local community events and activities. For your reference a link to the Plan is attached below;</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/CorporatePlans/NewhamEqualityandCohesionPlanSingleEqualityScheme.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/CorporatePlans/NewhamEqualityandCohesionPlanSingleEqualityScheme.htm</a></p> <p>The Council promotes the following specific equality related events. This will be through a combination of features in the Newham Mag, information on the Council's website and displays at our local libraries and/or specific events/activities. Any activity would be aimed at informing and involving the whole community in order to support community cohesion rather than solely targeting the particular equality strand.</p> <p>- Holocaust Memorial Day</p>

						<p>- LGBT Month  - International Women's Day  - Black History Month  - Disability History Month</p> <p>The Strategy and Partnerships Team coordinate the equality related events.</p> <p>There is a budget of £30K related to these events and wider research and activity to support the Equality and Cohesion Plan. As described above the funding of mainstream services and activities will also be expected to contribute significantly to supporting community cohesion.</p>
Public	11832	30/01/2012	24/02/2012	ICT	<p>Subject: PBX and VOIP maintenance contracts</p> <p>I require contractual information regarding the Council's PBX and VOIP maintenance contracts please can you send me the following information:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Existing Supplier (s)</li> <li>2. Total Value of the overall contract (s)</li> <li>3. Number of Users</li> <li>4. Hardware Brand</li> <li>4. Information on any applications running on the PBX</li> <li>4. The durations of the contract</li> <li>5. The Expiry Date</li> <li>6. The Contract Review date</li> <li>7. A contact from the Council that deals with this. Full contact details please</li> </ol> <p>Please can you submit this information on an excel spreadsheet.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>I require contractual information regarding the Council's PBX and VOIP maintenance contracts please can you send me the following information:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Existing Supplier - 2e2</li> <li>2. Total Value of the overall contract (s) - £2,271,646.20</li> <li>3. Number of Users - 5000</li> <li>4. Hardware Brand - CISCO</li> <li>5. Information on any applications running on the PBX - The Council does not have any PBX systems</li> <li>4. The durations of the contract - 10 years</li> <li>5. The Expiry Date - 31 May 2018</li> <li>6. The Contract Review date - Reviewed annually in January</li> <li>7. A contact from the Council that deals with this - Keith Rixon, Deputy Service Delivery Manager (Data Network), 020 3373 0790, <a href="mailto:keith.rixon@newham.gov.uk">keith.rixon@newham.gov.uk</a></li> </ol>

Public Bodies	11828	30/01/2012	24/02/2012	Community Participation Unit	<p>Subject : Newham Volunteers</p> <p>How many officers work in your voluntary sector team (full time equivalent posts) and what are their job titles?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Two Officers work specifically on Third Sector development in the Community and Partnerships Team in Leisure Services.</p> <p>The job titles are:</p> <p>Community and Partnerships Manager Senior Development Officer (Third Sector)</p>
Public	11851	30/01/2012	24/02/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject : Parking Fines</p> <p>1. Income derived from Parking Fines for 08/09, 09/10, 10/11. 2. How many tickets issued in each year? 3. How many appeals received in each year? 4. How many appeals succeeded in each year?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The information we hold in respect of the annual money raise by penalty charge notices is only recorded by financial year, as opposed to calendar year. Please see the information requested below.</p> <p>2008/09 - £ 8,662,934 2009/10 - £ 8,009,783 2010/11 - £ 8,024,652</p> <p>2. Information in respect of the annual totals and type of penalty charge notices which have been issued over the past recent years can be found on the London Councils website.</p> <p>For your ease of reference, please see the link below to the relevant page and you will be able to select the Parking Enforcement statistics for recent years, as far back as 2004/5. Again these statistics are recorded by financial year, rather than calendar year.</p> <p><a href="http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm">http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm</a></p> <p>3. Information in respect of the annual totals of appeals which have been made against the issue of penalty charge notices which have been issued over the past recent years can be found on the London</p>

						<p>Councils website.</p> <p>For your ease of reference, please see the link below to the relevant page and you will be able to select the Parking Appeals statistics for recent years, as far back as 2004/5. Again these statistics are recorded by financial year, rather than calendar year.</p> <p><a href="http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm">http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm</a></p>
Public	11853	30/01/2012	27/02/12	Crime & Anti Social Behaviour	<p>Subject : Sex Workers and Support</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide me with the following information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many saunas licensed and not, are you aware of in Newham. Please could you break down this information, showing annual statistics, for the last ten years.</li> <li>2. Please could you detail how many Sexual Health Outreach Services employees you have and how many cases they have. Please could you break down this information, showing annual statistics, for the last ten years.</li> <li>3. Please could you outline how many websites which include addresses in Newham (Flats/Parlours/Saunas)are agencies or Escort Agencies registered in Newham.</li> <li>4. Please could you provide the statistics for how many complaints to both the Police and the Council you are aware of surrounding street sex workers and (on a separate sheet) saunas.</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p><b>1. How many saunas licensed and not, are you aware of in Newham. Please could you break down this information, showing annual statistics, for the last ten years.</b></p> <p>The Council recently adopted the London Local Authorities Act 1991 (amended). This meant that a wider range of treatments are now licensed. Previously saunas were not included in this. We do not hold the requested information centrally and to research and collate this information would exceed the appropriate time limit. Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>We can however confirm that there are currently 5 saunas in the borough:</p> <p>2 state they are not in use</p>

				<p>5. Please could you state what your policy is on licensed saunas and street sex workers.</p> <p>6. Lastly, please could I be sent all correspondents relating to your 'Scoping Sex report'?</p>	<p>1 application is to be determined by the licensing- sub committee 1 has been licensed 1 is in the process of being licensed.</p> <p><b>2. Please could you detail how many Sexual Health Outreach Services employees you have and how many cases they have. Please could you break down this information, showing annual statistics, for the last ten years.</b> The London Borough of Newham does not have any employee that works directly as an outreach worker for Sexual Health Services. However we do support a third sector drop-in service that operates one evening per week. <b>For further information on services please contact East London NHS Foundation Trust. <a href="http://www.eastlondon.nhs.uk/">http://www.eastlondon.nhs.uk/</a></b></p> <p><b>3. Please could you outline how many websites which include addresses in Newham (Flats/Parlours/Saunas) are agencies or Escort Agencies registered in Newham.</b> We do not hold this information. Please see Newham's business directory where it is possible to search businesses in the borough. <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/applications/businessdirectory/advanced/index.asp">http://www.newham.gov.uk/applications/businessdirectory/advanced/index.asp</a></p> <p><b>4. Please could you provide the statistics for how many complaints to both the Police and the Council you are aware of surrounding street sex workers and (on a separate sheet) saunas.</b>  Our records show in the current financial year that there were 49 service requests/ complaints from the public recorded as 'Prostitution/soliciting/loitering nuisance' (between 1/4/11 and 31/1/12). However, we cannot confirm that each of these complaints were also referred to the police by the complainant. Please contact the Metropolitan Police directly for this information: <a href="http://content.met.police.uk/Site/ContactUs">http://content.met.police.uk/Site/ContactUs</a></p>
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					<p>There has been a joint Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and London Borough of Newham (LBN) project targeting kerb crawlers and prostitutes following complaints from residents with reference to soliciting, causing noise nuisance, and engaging in street drinking, littering and public sex acts.</p> <p>Regular enforcement operations are undertaken – for example, during November and December 2011 the outcome of 4 night time operations were as follows .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•21 arrests – mostly for the offence of loitering for the purpose of prostitution</li> <li>•23 police cautions issued to street sex workers</li> <li>•21 warning letters issued to street sex workers</li> <li>•18 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts signed with kerb crawlers</li> </ul> <p>These operations form part of a wider strategy we have implemented to address the impact of street sex workers , the strands of which have included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Street prostitution and drug misuse are linked- by working with the Police and other agencies we have identified premises and persons associated with drug supply and use and make use of relevant powers to address and close premises, such as the use of closure orders.</li> <li>•Using a range of Criminal and civil powers to enforce against sex workers, including arrest and prosecution under the Street Offences Act and use of ASBOs against street sex workers whose behaviour causes harassment alarm or distress to local residents.</li> <li>•Tackling demand by addressing kerb crawlers, with acceptable behaviour contracts issued for a first offence and prosecution of repeat offenders.</li> <li>•Supporting and mitigating risk against vulnerable residents within</li> </ul>
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					<p>the area who may be ‘befriended /targeted’ by sex workers and associates and their premises then used for drugs/prostitution/ related crime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Addressing locality issues such as target hardening, and installation of CCTV to hot spot areas.</li> <li>•Communicating to local residents and complainants, action taken to address their concerns, though public meetings, media and local leaflets.</li> </ul> <p>A wider strategy is being considered for sign off between partners when resources related to any intervention or additional support services are finalised and put in place.</p> <p><b>5. Please could you state what your policy is on licensed saunas and street sex workers.</b></p> <p>As mentioned above, the Council recently adopted the London Local Authorities Act 1991 which now includes saunas. All premises that have licensable treatments and where no objections have been made by the responsible authorities i.e. fire brigade, police etc will be issued a licence, ID cards for the therapists and a set of conditions.</p> <p>If a premises were not to comply with any of the conditions they may have their licence revoked, extra conditions placed on them or prosecuted. Please find attached conditions (part III).</p> <p>Please also below link to agenda of licensing committee (31st Jan 2012) which details the determination of an application for a massage and special treatment license:  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=890&amp;Mid=9025">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=890&amp;Mid=9025</a></p> <p>Newham does not have a specific policy on street sex workers. However, as mentioned (question 4), it is the Council’s approach to</p>
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						<p>work closely with the Police to ensure enforcement action is taken against individuals (sex workers/kerb crawlers), premises, locations etc.</p> <p><b>6. Lastly, please could I be sent all correspondents relating to your 'Scoping Sex' report.</b> Please see link to proposal for a review of Vice in Newham (we assume this is the report you are referring to). <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=1112&amp;MI=8468">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=1112&amp;MI=8468</a> The report for the Vice in-depth review is being prepared for the Commission's public meeting on the 17th April 2012, to then go to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 24th April 2012.</p> <p>This report will detail what evidence has been gathered by the Commission. Much of the evidence is gathered from the Commission's public meetings, the minutes of which can be found on: <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=1112">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=1112</a>.</p> <p>We therefore rely upon Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as the information would be exempt as it is held with a view to publication at a future date. Section 21 is also applicable as Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and as such there is no public interest test to apply.</p>
Media	11845	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	Tenant Involvement	<p>Subject : Conduct Based Evictions</p> <p>I would like information about council policy on the eviction of council tenants and/or their families if they are suspected of or convicted of participating in the public disorder, mass burglary and rioting in</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council are only able to evict a tenant who has engaged in criminal or Anti Social behaviour where there has been a breach of their tenancy conditions and where a possession order has been issued by the Courts. Following the public disturbances last year,</p>

				<p>August 2011.</p> <p>Following the disorder a number of councils said publicly that they would seek to terminate contracts and evict tenants who had taken part in the riots.</p> <p>I would like to know:</p> <p>a) does your council have a policy on the eviction of rioters? If so, what is it?</p> <p>b) Has that policy changed between the riots taking place and now? If so, how?</p> <p>c) How many rioters or alleged rioters have been evicted/ had their council tenancy contracts terminated?  - If any, please can you specify the circumstances - had they been arrested/convicted/jailed, nature of alleged/convicted offence, how many people lived in the house, and the relationship of the suspected/convicted rioter to the other people in the house.</p> <p>d) Are there any individuals identified whom the council is seeking to or planning to evict, but has not yet done so? If so, how many, and why has their eviction been delayed?</p> <p>e) Has the council identified tenants who were participants (alleged or convicted) of taking part in the disorder but has not sought to evict? If so, can you please say how many.</p>	<p>HM Government did not expressly grant additional legal powers to enable local authorities to act outside of this legal framework, to specifically target those involved in the rioting.</p> <p>The Council does not have a separate policy with regard to dealing with persons involved in the riots. In line with requirements under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 the Council has published a summary and fuller statement of policies and procedures with regard to dealing with Anti-Social behaviour. This states that if anti-social behaviour is serious, or if attempts to resolve ASB have failed legal action can be taken including proceedings for evicting council tenants due to their behaviour or that of their family or visitors. Our published policy further states that tenants are responsible for behaviour both in the home and the locality. If a person has engaged in crime or ASB during the riots, and this is linked to a breach of tenancy conditions, then the Council will take action, if proportional and appropriate, in line our policy and procedures.</p> <p>Following last year's public disorder incidents the Police and Council have worked in close partnership to take appropriate action against those involved.</p> <p>We published a special, 12-page edition of the council's flagship publication, the Newham Mag, within ten days of the disturbances taking place. This featured more than thirty CCTV images of perpetrators and was distributed to every home in the borough, as well as to public offices and a number of businesses. Since then we have worked closely with partners in the Police to source and publish 225 images across ten issues of the fortnightly magazine. Newham Police has arrested 170 people so far and charged 88 with offences related to the disorder - a number of these cases have been directly linked to the work the Council undertook. The Police have described our support for their work as "outstanding".</p> <p>In line with our Information Sharing protocol, the Police and</p>
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						<p>Council have exchanged information on subjects involved in the disorder. We have not at this stage obtained a possession order or evicted a tenant specifically because of the riots. However, this is in part because not all court action against persons involved in the disorder has concluded, and any court proceedings initiated against council tenants would take some months to conclude. Further, we can not evict any tenant without the court agreeing an outright possession order, as opposed to a suspended or adjourned order, will be granted. I can advise that to date we have issued 4 warnings against tenants where members of their households have been involved in ASB or crime linked to the disorder but we will not know the number of tenants against whom we will take action, whether through warnings, possession action or other civil proceedings, until all court cases are concluded. It should be noted that we are likely to take action where there has been repeat incidents of crime and /or ASB rather than one incident if crime linked to the riots.</p> <p>One LBN tenant involved in the disturbances was evicted. Following a review of all suspects the individual was found to have rent arrears and eviction on these grounds was expedited.</p>
Media	11855	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	Housing Regeneration Projects	<p>Subject : Use of Roof at Lund Point</p> <p>I would like to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The amount of money the council is to receive from the BBC for the proposed studios on the roof of Lund Point on the Carpenters Estate and for the rental of the top five floors. If the rental will not only be to the BBC I would like details of the proposed deals - the companies, amount, dates and active working hours over those dates.</li> <li>- Whether the BBC will have permission to sub-let as part of the deal.</li> </ul>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council is in talks with various media outlets on an array of properties. Because these are commercial negotiations it would not be appropriate to provide the details requested.</p> <p>Under Section 43, information is exempt from disclosure if releasing it would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). We consider that the requested information is commercially sensitive. The London Borough of Newham will not disclose information that would prejudice commercial interests. Section 43 is a qualified exemption; therefore, we have to consider the public interest in disclosure. Whilst we accept that the public interest is</p>

					<p>- If other blocks on the Carpenters Estate will have similar projects, who will be renting them and how much they will cost.</p> <p>Should the deal go through, please consider the questions in manner revised in accordance, i.e. how much money the council received...</p>	<p>likely to be served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities; however, we consider that there is a greater public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.</p> <p>Commercial arrangements are focused to bring the best value for the council by maximising revenue via the Olympics programme. This revenue will be reinvested in the Mayor's Legacy Fund to provide services for young people and other residents.</p>
Public	11833	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Primary School Cluster Groups</p> <p>Please send me information on Primary School Cluster Groups(Schools working in Partnership with one another) detailing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The number of School clusters within Newham</li> <li>- The schools within each cluster</li> <li>- The cluster co-ordinator / leader / contact per cluster</li> </ul>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the requested list of Newham Primary Schools which are separated into the relevant Early Intervention groups. The group manager contact for each area is specified at the head of each column.</p> <p>Further information on Newham's school can be found on the Newham Website. Please see the link below for your reference</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsdirectory/juniorinfantprimaryschools.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsdirectory/juniorinfantprimaryschools.htm</a></p>
Public	11848	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Adults Social Care Funding</p> <p>1) What was the net expenditure for</p> <p>a) all adult social care and</p> <p>b) social care for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability for the following financial years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 2007/08</li> <li>ii. 2008/09</li> <li>iii. 2009/10</li> <li>iv. 2010/11;</li> </ul> <p>and what were the agreed budget figures for v.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1a/2a.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible by other means.</p> <p>The net and total expenditure for all Adult social care funding can be located through the annual Statement of Accounts. The Resource Allocation Statement details the total (gross) expenditure of each of the Council's services and the net</p>

				<p>2011/12?</p> <p>2) What was the gross expenditure for</p> <p>a) all adult social care and</p> <p>b) social care for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability as percentages of the council's total expenditure for the following financial years:</p> <p>i. 2007/08</p> <p>ii. 2008/09</p> <p>iii. 2009/10</p> <p>iv. 2010/11;</p> <p>and as percentages of the agreed budget figures for</p> <p>v. 2011/12?</p> <p>3) How much</p> <p>a) gross and</p> <p>b) net funding for all adult social care has been allocated in the 2012/13 draft budget:</p> <p>i) in cash terms</p> <p>ii) as a percentage of the total draft budget?</p> <p>4) How much</p> <p>a) gross and</p> <p>b) net funding for social care for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability has been allocated in the 2012/13 draft budget:</p> <p>i) in cash terms</p> <p>ii) as a percentage of the total draft budget?</p>	<p>expenditure, following the deduction of any available income.</p> <p>The Council's Statement of Accounts can be located on the Newham Website on the web link below. For your ease of reference for the financial year 2010/2011 the Resource Allocation Statement may be found on page 45.</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/StatementofAccounts.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/StatementofAccounts.htm</a></p> <p>2.b/3b.</p> <p>Unfortunately we are unable to extract the specific information you have requested from our systems. You have in your request specified the age group 18-65 which would generally apply to adults and expenditure for service users of that age with a learning disability. In determining the exact expenditure of a specified class of service user, our systems for reporting purposes are unable to specifically identify expenditure for those fields. This is further complicated by the fact that different expenditure codes may be utilised for some individuals whom may have complete needs which cross services and where multi-agency support is used. Therefore a true and accurate reflection of the exact expenditure of this service user group would not be accurate.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information accurately an officer would have to interrogate each of our accounts individually, for each service user, to be able to identify each spend specifically attributable to learning disability need. This would exceed the appropriate time limit. Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p>
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Public	11854	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	Housing Regeneration	Subject : Carpenters TMO Contract	Summary:

				<p>Projects</p>	<p>The list of documents below, form the ‘Contract’ that Carpenters TMO holds with Dobbin &amp; Sullivan. These documents are held at the TMO Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructions to Tender</li> <li>b. Terms &amp; Conditions of Engagements for Consultants ( already hold copy)</li> <li>c. Form of Tender</li> <li>d. Specification – Also known as the Consultants Brief (already hold copy)</li> <li>e. Schedule A – Pricing Schedule</li> <li>f. Schedule B – Organisational &amp; Operational Questionnaire</li> <li>g. Business Questionnaire</li> </ul>	<p>1. Please find copy attached.</p> <p>2. We have been advised you already hold a copy of the Terms and Conditions of Engagements for Consultants from previous interactions with Carpenters TMO.</p> <p>3. Please find the redacted copy attached. Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request in part for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have therefore redacted the names of individuals held in the documents to protect their identity.</p> <p>We would apply Section 40, and redact the names of the people involved as disclosure could result in the identification of the individual in question. 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> <p>4. We have been advised you already hold a copy of the Consultants brief from previous interactions with Carpenters TMO.</p> <p>5. Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case that the information in respect of the pricing schedule is exempt under section 43 of the Act.</p> <p>Section 43 (2) may be engaged if “release of the information is</p>
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						<p>likely to prejudice the commercial interest of any person (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).”</p> <p>We consider that disclosure of the fees would be likely to provide useful information to future competitors and therefore weaken the company’s bargaining position during future procurement processes and contractual negotiations. This would effectively undermine the whole tendering and commercial process and potentially affect the company future profits.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the public interest is served by promoting transparency and accountability by public authorities for decisions taken by them and that the substance of the information may relate closely to a matter of public importance about which public debate could be informed by its disclosure. On the other hand, however, we recognise and feel that there is a greater public interest in maintaining confidentiality and protecting commercially sensitive information, release of which could damage commercial interests. Also, given that information was provided to the local authority in confidence, we consider that disclosure would make it less likely that companies or individuals would provide the local authority with commercially sensitive information in the future and consequently undermine the ability of the local authority to fulfil its public role.</p> <p>6-7. Please find redacted copy attached. The names of individuals have been removed from these documents under s.40 of the Freedom of Information Act, for the reasons detailed above. We have additionally redacted pages 7 and 8 from the copy attached as these pages solely relate to personal insurance policy details.</p>
Public	11856	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	ICT	<p>Subject: Telephony Services</p> <p>1. Which service provider is the current contracted</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>As you requested, please find attached the completed spreadsheet</p>

					<p>supplier of fixed telephony services – when does the contract run until and when did it commence? Does a contract extension clause exist giving the Council the option to extend or renew without a full tender process – if so please give details.</p> <p>What is the contract value of fixed-line telephony service in 2011/12 and what is the split between fixed and variable charges?</p> <p>Please briefly describe the fixed telephony system(s) in use in Council sites and who manages the system on a day-day basis (e.g. first line support for fault maintenance, moves, adds and changes). If the solution is ‘hosted’, please state the service provider.</p> <p>2. Which service provider is the current contracted supplier of mobile telephony services – when does the contract run until and when did it commence? Does a contract extension clause exist giving the Council the option to extend or renew without a full tender process – if so please give details.</p> <p>What is the mobile telephony contract value in 2011/12 and what is the split between fixed and variable charges?</p>	<p>stating the information you requested in relation to our fixed and mobile telephony service providers and contracts.</p>
Business	11852	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Health and Adult Social Care</p> <p>Please provide;</p> <p>1. the names and roles of persons on the Health and Wellbeing Committee</p> <p>2. the name of the Director of Public Health</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please provide;</p> <p>1. The names and roles of persons on the Health and Wellbeing Committee</p> <p>All information relating to Newham's Shadow Health and well-</p>

				<p>3. electronic copies of documents relating to the budgeting, planning and provision of health and social care published by your organisation, such as Budget Statement, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Local Area Agreement Plan, etc.</p> <p>4. the names of any other healthcare-related committees and the names and roles of the committee members</p> <p>5. name any Local Area Committee to “join up” health and Social Care, and give names and roles of the committee members</p> <p>6. copies of any of its plans or reports</p> <p>7. list the Clinical Commissioning Groups with which you are engaged in health and social care planning.</p>	<p>being board, including membership, agendas and minutes can be found on the webpage link below</p> <p><a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1264">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1264</a></p> <p>2. The name of the Director of Public Health</p> <p>Rachel Flowers is the Joint Director of Public Health for London Borough of Newham and NHS Newham (now part of HNS East London and the City)</p> <p>3. Electronic copies of documents relating to the budgeting, planning and provision of health and social care published by your organisation, such as Budget Statement, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Local Area Agreement Plan, etc.</p> <p>The latest Budget from 2011/12 can be found here&gt;&gt; <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Budget2011-2012.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Budget2011-2012.htm</a></p> <p>The latest Joint Strategic needs assessment can be found here&gt;&gt; <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/jointstrategicneedsassessment.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/jointstrategicneedsassessment.htm</a></p> <p>This document is currently being revised.</p> <p>This is a link to Newham’s Sustainable Community Strategy, which is the Strategy of the Newham Partnership. One of the themes is Health Newham <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/corporateplans/newhamsustainablecommunitystrategy.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/corporateplans/newhamsustainablecommunitystrategy.htm</a></p> <p>Please see the link below which highlights Newham’s Local Area Agreement which increase health indicators <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/PartnershipsAndOutsideBodiesInNewham/TheLocalAreaAgreement.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/PartnershipsAndOutsideBodiesInNewham/TheLocalAreaAgreement.htm</a></p>
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					<p>4. The names of any other healthcare-related committees and the names and roles of the committee members</p> <p>There have been a number of reports produced by the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission which has carried out a number of focused studies relating to Health and Social Care. Please refer to the link provided below  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1227">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1227</a></p> <p>Newham also has a Better Health and well-being Partnership Action Board which is a sub-board of the Newham Partnership. All information, including membership, agendas and minutes relating to this Board can be found on the link below  <a href="http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=419">http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=419</a></p> <p>5. Name any Local Area Committee to “join up” health and Social Care, and give names and roles of the committee members.</p> <p>Please refer to the above link to the Newham Partnership Better Health and Well-being Partnership Action Board.</p> <p>It may also be useful to note a single Partnership Board covering Disability, Learning Disabilities and Older People (bringing together previously separate partnership boards) is currently in the process of being developed. The membership of this board has not yet been defined but will include service user representatives.</p> <p>6. Copies of any of its plans or reports  These can be found on the Committee home page, at the above link, together with agendas and reports of the meetings.</p> <p>7. List the Clinical Commissioning Groups with which you are engaged in health and social care planning.  Newham Health Partnership  Newham Commissioning Group</p>
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Public Bodies	11829	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	Members - Other	<p>Subject : Community Forums</p> <p>Please can you put me in touch with an officer who deals with Community Ward Forums? Specifically I would like to know how many posts (full time equivalent) provide support to the forums, what officer level they are, and how often the forums meet.</p>	<p>Summary;</p> <p>The Community Leaders and Engagement team within Democratic Services has 10.5 (full time equivalent) staff on various scales from PO1 to SMRA. An officer is allocated to manage and support Councillors for each of the nine forum areas.</p> <p>Each Community forum has a Local Service Review, chaired by the Community Lead Councillor, which involves internal and external partners meeting quarterly to discuss and action priorities for the local area.</p> <p>The team also manage the Active Community Teams where residents are able to directly participate in local activities and in the planning of Community Festivals. Local Active Community Team meetings are held for each forum but the frequency of these varies according to local events and priorities.</p>
Public Bodies	11830	30/01/2012	27/02/2012	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject : Looked After Children</p> <p>Can you please provide me with the following information relating to children in the care of your authority?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The total number of looked after children for whom Newham Council currently has corporate parenting responsibility</li> <li>2. The number of looked after children currently in the care of Newham Council placed with non-related foster carers and in children's homes outside a 20 mile radius of the borough</li> <li>3. The number of looked after children in the care</li> </ol>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Can you please provide me with the following information relating to children in the care of your Authority.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The total number of looked after children for whom Newham Council currently has corporate parenting responsibility Newham Council has corporate parenting responsibility for 453 children.</li> <li>2. The number of looked after children currently in the care of Newham Council placed with non-related foster carers and in children's homes outside a 20 mile radius of the borough There are 129 children placed with non-related foster carers and in children's homes, outside a 20 mile radius of the borough.</li> </ol>

				<p>of Newham Council that have been placed with non-related foster carers and in children's homes in i) the Kent County Council area and ii) the Thanet District Council area</p> <p>4. A list of the independent fostering agencies that are currently used by Newham Council to place children in the Kent Council area, with a breakdown of the number of children currently placed via each agency.</p>	<p>3. The number of looked after children in the care of Newham Council that have been placed with non-related foster carers and in children's homes in i) the Kent County Council area and ii) the Thanet District Council area</p> <p>61 children are placed with non-related foster carers and in children's homes in the Kent County Council area. 6 of these children are in the Thanet District Council Area.</p> <p>4. A list of the independent fostering agencies that are currently used by Newham Council to place children in the Kent Council area, with a breakdown of the number of children currently placed via each agency.</p> <p>Please see list below:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Agency</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Number of Children</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Heath Farm Fostering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Credo Care Fostering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residential Homes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chrysalis Care Fostering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capstone Vision Fostering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total no. for below agencies*</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Foster Care UK Time For Children Fostering Moments Fostering Excel Fostering Fostering Solutions</p>	Agency	Number of Children	Heath Farm Fostering	6	Credo Care Fostering	5	Residential Homes	10	Chrysalis Care Fostering	6	Capstone Vision Fostering	7	Total no. for below agencies*	8
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						<p>Seafields Fostering</p> <p>* Under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the numbers of children placed through agencies have been suppressed (where the total for each agency is below 5). This is in order to avoid the possible identification of individuals. Disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle under the Data Protection Act 1998, 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>
Organisation	11861	31/01/2012	27/02/2012	Lettings Agency	<p>Subject : Council Housing Waiting List</p> <p>1. How many applicants from Newham's social housing register were allocated properties with four or more bedrooms for the financial year 2010/11?</p> <p>The information file you hold for each housing applicant contains information that reveals the applicants' nationality (such as copies of identification documents, interview notes etc.). Therefore, please advise me:</p> <p>2. How many applicants from Newham's social housing register allocated properties with four or more bedrooms for the financial year 2010/11 were British nationals?</p> <p>3. How many applicants from Newham's social housing register allocated properties with four or</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. A total of forty eight properties with four or more bedrooms were allocated to applicants waiting on Newham's social housing register in 2010/2011.</p> <p>2. Forty of those properties were allocated to British Nationals.</p> <p>3. Eight properties were allocated to non-UK nationals.</p> <p>4. Nineteen of these four or more bedroom properties were allocated to British nationals whom were noted on the Housing register as previously being homeless applicants.</p> <p>5. One of these properties was allocated to a non-British national whom was noted on the Housing register as previously being a homeless applicant.</p>

					<p>more bedrooms for the financial year 2010/11 were non-UK nationals?</p> <p>Are applicants classified as homeless listed on the social housing register and so included in the above answer? If applicants classified as homeless are held on a separate list from the general social housing register then please tell me:</p> <p>4. How many homeless applicants from Newham who were allocated properties with four or more bedrooms for the financial year 2010/11 were British nationals?</p> <p>5. How many homeless applicants from Newham who were allocated properties with four or more bedrooms for the financial year 2010/11 were non-UK nationals?</p> <p>I anticipate that you will get this information by going through the relevant applicant's information file.</p>	
Business	11860	31/01/2012	28/02/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Contact Details</p> <p>I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for the Name and Email address of the Head or Director of Business Transformation / Business Change for the council.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council asks that its staff are not sent any unsolicited promotional or other sales materials/communications or added to any such mailing lists. Our staff are very busy and any procurement activity is done by the Council on a corporate basis. The responsibility of transformation is delegated generally to officers and directors with no overall head assigned beyond the Chief Executive, Kim Bromley-Derry:  <a href="mailto:Chief.Executive@newham.gov.uk">Chief.Executive@newham.gov.uk</a></p>
Business	11865	31/01/2012	28/02/2012	Trading Standards	<p>Subject : Storage Licences - Fireworks</p>	<p>Summary:</p>

					What addresses within your borough has your council issued or approved a storage licence under the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005 in relation to the storage of fireworks.	One license has been issued in the borough to ASDA supermarket – Tollgate Road E6 4JP.
Public	11863	31/01/2012	28/02/2012	Environmental Health	<p>Subject: Pollution - Olympics</p> <p>I would like to have some statistical data concerning pollution rating in the period before the beginning of the works, during it and after it.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>1-How was chosen your location for the Olympic Games?</p> <p>2-Which will it be the environmental impact?</p> <p>3-How do you think to monitor it?</p> <p>4-What will the economic impact be?</p> <p>5-Which measures did you take in the case to limit people disturb?</p> <p>6-Do you think the regulation issued by government is enough for your community?</p> <p>7-How much this project does it cost and how it is financed?</p> <p>8-Which are the most important advantages?</p> <p>9-Which are advantages for citizens?</p> <p>10- Did you receive any complaints from the citizens?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The information you have requested, and more, is available on the Newham Council 2012 Games website, please see link below. You may also find the related pages useful.</p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/Regen/The2012Gamesaretakingshape.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/Regen/The2012Gamesaretakingshape.htm</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/2012Games/default.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/2012Games/default.htm</a></p> <p>Should you require information with regards to the development of the Olympic venues, you may find the following official London 2012 website useful:</p> <p><a href="http://www.london2012.com/about-us/the-people-delivering-the-games/the-olympic-delivery-authority/">http://www.london2012.com/about-us/the-people-delivering-the-games/the-olympic-delivery-authority/</a></p> <p>Please note that Newham Council has received very few complaints from residents regarding the Olympic development. Newham's Environmental Health team undertake monitoring of the works via Joint local authority regulation service and works are controlled through a code of construction practice and section 61 control of pollution act 1974.</p>
Public	11858	31/01/2012	28/02/2012	Finance	<p>Subject: Draft Accounts</p> <p>Under the Audit Commission Act 1988, every council is legally required to open up its draft</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The draft accounts for the financial year 2010/2011 were available for public inspection from 4th July to 29th July 2011</p>

					<p>accounts for public inspection. Please can you confirm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. when these inspection dates started and when they finished.</li> <li>2. The address of the office where draft accounts were available for inspection</li> <li>3. when the council published details on inspection dates in local newspapers</li> <li>4. which newspapers they were published in</li> <li>5. when the council posted a copy of the public notice on its website and a copy of this notice</li> <li>6. A copy of the audit completion notice</li> </ol>	<p>inclusive.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The draft accounts were available for inspection at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, East Ham E6 2RP and also at Newham's Local Service Centres. The locations of the Local Service Centres through the borough may be found on the webpage below <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/BenefitsandPayments/LocalServiceCentres/ListOfLocalServiceCentres.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/BenefitsandPayments/LocalServiceCentres/ListOfLocalServiceCentres.htm</a></li> <li>3. An advertisement was placed on 22nd June 2011.</li> <li>4. The advertisement was placed in the Newham Recorder. For your reference, please find attached a copy of this notice as it appeared.</li> <li>5. The public notice was placed on the Newham website on the dates stated above. Please find attached a copy of the public notice.</li> <li>6. The completed Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2010/2011 can be located on the Newham website on the link below. <a href="http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/StatementofAccounts.htm">http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/StatementofAccounts.htm</a></li> </ol>
Organisation	11878	01/02/2012	29/02/2012	Registrars Service	<p>Subject : Public Health Funerals</p> <p>I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act / Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, to establish how many public health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitor, Duchy, Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrance (QLTR) or Crown Solicitor from November 2011 to the date of your response.</p> <p>If possible, please could you include the following</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham carried out one public health funeral between November 2011 – January 2012.</p> <p>We have decided to refuse the other aspects of your request, taking into account guidance which the Treasury has issued in respect of such FOI requests.</p> <p>Under Section 21 of the Act London Borough of Newham is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you</p>

					<p>in your response: Name of the Deceased (including maiden name); Date and Place of Death; Date and Place of Birth; Last known residence for the deceased; Whether next of kin have been traced; Value of the Estate if known; Date on which referred/due to be referred to the Treasury Solicitor, Duchy, QLTR or Crown Solicitor.</p>	<p>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>
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						<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>
Organisation	11866	01/02/2012	29/02/2012	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject : Looked After Children</p> <p>1. How many children were looked by your local authority in the last 12 months for which data is available?</p> <p>2. How many children looked after by your local authority in the last 12 months for which data is available had a statement of special educational needs and were in:</p> <p>a) the category of need 'abuse and neglect'</p> <p>b) the category of need 'child's disability'</p> <p>c) the category of need 'parental illness or disability'</p> <p>d) the category of need 'family in acute stress'</p> <p>e) the category of need 'family dysfunction'</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. As of 31st January 2012, there were a total of 457 children registered with Newham as being looked after children. It should be noted that for the purposes of responding to this enquiry we have looked at the number of children recorded on our systems as of this date, from 1st February 2011.</p> <p>2. Our systems show that a total of 178 looked after children have been recorded on our systems as holding a Statement of Special Educational Needs.</p> <p>Unfortunately we are unable to extract the further information you have requested from our system via the reporting facility. Our system is unable to cross reference between those records where a Statement of Special Educational Need has been recorded and</p>

				<p>f) the category of need ‘socially unacceptable behaviour’  g) the category of need ‘low income’  h) the category of need ‘absent parenting’</p> <p>If it is not possible to provide data to answer that question please explain how it is recorded if a looked after child has a statement of special educational needs?</p> <p>3. How many children looked after by your local authority in the last 12 months for which data is available have been identified as having special educational needs without a statement and were in:</p> <p>a) the category of need ‘abuse and neglect’  b) the category of need ‘child’s disability’  c) the category of need ‘parental illness or disability’  d) the category of need ‘family in acute stress’  e) the category of need ‘family dysfunction’  f) the category of need ‘socially unacceptable behaviour’  g) the category of need ‘low income’  h) the category of need ‘absent parenting’</p> <p>If it is not possible to provide data to answer that question please explain how it is recorded if a looked after child has special educational needs?</p> <p>4. How many children looked after by your local authority in the last 12 months for which data is available have been identified as disabled and were in:</p> <p>a) the category of need ‘abuse and neglect’  b) the category of need ‘child’s disability’  c) the category of need ‘parental illness or</p>	<p>additionally provide the individual category of need of each child. In order to retrieve the individual category of need of each of the looked after children identified as holding a statement would require a separate report to be run of each of the headings of looked after children by category of need and looked after children holding a Statement. It would then be required to cross reference each of the cases to manually compile a report including numbers and need headings for each of those requested. It should additionally be noted that due to differences in the manner in which information and fields are entered onto the system, it may be necessary in some cases to further verify the information recorded manually through the individual’s file.</p> <p>To complete this exercise in addition to the work already completed in providing the information for this response, 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>For your continued reference, please see below the breakdown of categories of needs for all looked after children, as recorded on our system.</p> <p>Category of Need Total  Absent Parenting 34  Abuse or Neglect 285</p>
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				<p>disability’</p> <p>d) the category of need ‘family in acute stress’</p> <p>e) the category of need ‘family dysfunction’</p> <p>f) the category of need ‘socially unacceptable behaviour’</p> <p>g) the category of need ‘low income’</p> <p>h) the category of need ‘absent parenting’</p> <p>If it is not possible to provide data to answer that question please explain how it is recorded if a looked after child has a disability?</p> <p>5. How many children looked after by your local authority in the last 12 months for which data is available, who were placed outside the boundaries of your local authority were</p> <p>a) Disabled</p> <p>b) Had special educational needs without a statement</p> <p>c) Had special educational needs with a statement</p>	<p>Disability 10</p> <p>Family Dysfunction 67</p> <p>Family in Acute Stress 14</p> <p>Parental Illness/Disability 35</p> <p>Socially Unacceptable Behaviour 12</p> <p>Total LAC end of snapshot date (31.01.2012) 457</p> <p>It has additionally been possible to provide a breakdown of a sample number of looked after children with a statement of special educational need, by category of need where the data is available. Please see this breakdown below.</p> <p>Category of Need Total</p> <p>Absent Parenting 2</p> <p>Abuse or Neglect 61</p> <p>Disability 10</p> <p>Family Dysfunction 5</p> <p>Family in Acute Stress 5</p> <p>Parental Illness/Disability 5</p> <p>Socially Unacceptable Behaviour 1</p> <p>Total 89</p> <p>3. Unfortunately we are unable to retrieve the further information you have requested in respect of the numbers of looked after children with special educational needs without a Statement as this classification is not recorded on our systems. In order to retrieve this detail of information would require an officer to interrogate each of the individual children’s care files, in excess of 300, to be able to try and determine as to whether any degree of special educational need had been identified but without a full Statement being issued. Dependent upon the individual circumstances, some files can run into hundreds of pages of documentation and to review all the files would exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>As previously stated in our response to Question 2, this information would be exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information</p>
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						<p>Act 2000 as the cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit</p> <p>4. Please see below the total number of looked after who have been identified as living with a disability. As requested this has been further broken down by category of need.</p> <p>Category of Need Total  Absent Parenting 2  Abuse or Neglect 20  Disability 9  Family Dysfunction 2  Family in Acute Stress 2  Parental Illness/Disability 6  Socially Unacceptable Behaviour 1  Total 42</p> <p>5.  a. A total of 33 children looked after by Newham whom have been identified as living with a disability, have been placed outside of the borough.  b. For the reasons given in our response to Question 3, this information is exempted.  c. A total of 89 children looked after by Newham holding a Statement of Special Educational Needs are placed outside of the borough.</p>
Public	11864	01/02/2012	29/02/2012	Street Markets	<p>Subject: Queens Market</p> <p>Copies of all plans, proposals, emails, letters or other documents relating to the ownership, governance or management of Queens Market, London E13 which have been produced between 1 June 2009 and the date of receipt of this email.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council has not considered any additional proposals for the sale of Queens Market since a development agreement was entered into with St Modwen in March 2006, which was terminated July 2010. For your reference please find attached the previously disclosed original agreement from 2006.</p>

					<p>With regards to the future management of the market, we can confirm that the Council is looking at options which could include contracting with a business and that could be a social enterprise. However, at this stage the information produced by the Council is for internal policy formulation and is commercially sensitive.</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 that all information in respect of the options presently being explored is exempt under section 43 of the Act.</p> <p>Section 43 (2) may be engaged if “release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interest of any person (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).”</p> <p>We consider that disclosure of any information in this early formative stage, prior to any confirmed decisions being made in respect of future proposals would undermine future procurement processes and contractual negotiations. This would effectively undermine the whole tendering and commercial process and potentially affect the interests of the authority.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the public interest is served by promoting transparency and accountability by public authorities for decisions taken by them and that the substance of the information may relate closely to a matter of public importance about which public debate could be informed by its disclosure. On the other hand, however, we recognise and feel that there is a greater public interest in maintaining confidentiality and protecting commercially sensitive information, release of which could damage commercial interests. Also, given that any related information was provided to the local authority in confidence, we consider that disclosure would make it less likely that companies or individuals would provide the local authority with commercially sensitive information in the future and consequently undermine the ability of the local authority to fulfil its</p>
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Public	11879	01/02/2012	29/02/2012	Legal Services	<p>Subject : Legal Representation</p> <p>A list of all court cases, with dates, in which the law firm Speechly Bircham has acted for or against the London Borough of Newham, from 1 January 2010 until the present date.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We have not instructed this firm to act on behalf of the London Borough of Newham in any court action during the timeframe specified in your request.</p> <p>Unfortunately we are unable to extract the information you have requested in respect of whether Speechly Bircham has acted against the London Borough of Newham in any court action in the same timeframe. The name of the legal representation of the other party to any legal action taken against the Council is not a field by which our information would be recorded and we are therefore unable to report on the numbers requested.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information an officer would be required to manually interrogate the individual legal files for each claim which had been brought against the Council in the specified period, to determine as to whether this law firm had been instructed. The manual review of several hundred files 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>

Public	11867	01/02/2012	29/02/2012	CYPS - Youth Support	<p>Subject: YOT</p> <p>I would like to know how many people on the young offending programme were convicted of criminal offences in 2011 and in 2010. How many people were in the young offending programme in 2011 and in 2010? What were the offences that they committed whilst on the programme and how many people were convicted of each offence? Could you also provide a breakdown of what each offence was, how many people committed it and on what date?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council does not have a 'Youth Offending Programme'; however we do deliver interventions via our Youth Offending Service for Court Orders imposed on youths</p> <p>Between April 2009 and March 2011, 2746 orders were imposed on youths. Please note this is not reflective of the number of youths that committed offences as multiple orders could have been imposed on individuals who may have committed more than once offence during this period.</p> <p>To provide the total number of youths issued with orders would involve interrogating and cross referencing each individual order to identify where youths had committed more than one offence, including offences committed whilst an order was still current. This would exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>Furthermore we do not centrally hold information regarding offences committed whilst under orders as our database does not allow us to extract details regarding re-offences, therefore, as above, to obtain these details would require an officer to manually interrogate all records relating to the period requested.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and have decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act. This section states: where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit a public authority is not obliged 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>
Public	11881	02/02/2012	29/02/2012	CYPS -	Subject : Forced Marriages/Child Marriages	Summary:

				<p>Safeguarding Assessment</p>	<p>Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to see the following details relating to forced marriages and specifically forced child marriages:</p> <p>The number of cases reported to children's/social services department (by the victim, family, 3rd party - school for e.g., police etc) of forced marriages within the borough annually from 2009 to 2011.</p> <p>Of these the number of cases specifically relating to forced child marriages within the borough, with details of the age and sex of the alleged victim and spouse, where the marriage took place (in the borough, Uk or abroad), and details of the circumstances</p> <p>Details of the specific action taken in each case and outcome - for example child placed on the child protection register, referral to police and courts, removal of child, marriage annulled etc</p>	<p>We do not hold data specifically recorded in relation to forced marriages, through either Adults or Children's Social Services.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that should any safeguarding concerns be raised in respect of children or adults in need, a referral would be made and a full assessment completed by social services. Although reference may be made to concerns relating to forced marriages in initial referrals, this is not a field by which referrals are recorded and it is therefore not a searchable option on our systems.</p> <p>Therefore, unfortunately we are unable to extract the requested data from our system. In order to retrieve this information an officer would be required to interrogate each file of past and present social care service users and manually review the background to each file to determine as to whether forced marriage may have been raised as a concern, in relation to the well-being of the subject of the referral. The number of individual files would run into thousands. This would greatly exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.</p> <p>12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that the Newham website does provide contact details on our Domestic Violence page for referral to the Forced Marriage Unit, which is a join national initiative by the Home Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. For your</p>
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