

Information Governance Report

Responses to Requests

Period: 01/01/2012 - 31/01/2012

Type	Sub Enquiry ID	Date Received	Date Responded	Service	Enquiry Details	Response Details
Public	11408	02/12/2011	03/01/2012	Payroll	Subject : PAYE How many staff was paid via the PAYE system last month?	Response For the month of November 2011, a total of 9717 employees (excluding teachers) were paid using the PAYE system.
Public	11429	02/12/2011	03/01/2012	Supporting People Team	Subject: Adult Social Care Charges 1. For adult social care services provided currently (Dec 2011), what is the weekly contribution amount that is charged from a client who is: - aged 60+; - is single; - is receiving your non-residential adult social care services; and - has less than £23,250 in savings for: - Means tested benefit (Pension Guarantee Credit)	Summary: The London Borough of Newham does not presently charge for non-residential Adult social care services. Please see the Newham website in respect of our review of charges within Adult Social Care. http://adultsocialcare.newham.gov.uk/Pages/I-need-help-with.aspx

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance Allowance - Lower Rate Attendance Allowance - Higher Rate Attendance Allowance - Severe Disability Additional Amount 	
Media	11485	02/12/2011	03/01/2012	Internal Audit	<p>Subject: Electronic surveillance systems</p> <p>1) What sum of money has been spent in the calendar year 2011 by the Council on installing and/or running mechanical or electronic surveillance systems collecting information on Council employees and on analysing that information, whatever its nature?</p> <p>2) What sum of money was spent in the calendar year 2010 by the Council on installing and/or running mechanical or electronic surveillance systems collecting data on Council employees and on analysing that information, whatever its nature?</p> <p>3) What sum of money has been spent in the calendar year 2011 by the Council on private investigators (be they agencies, freelance or Council employees)</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1-2. The Council have not installed or operated any electronic surveillance systems in 2010 or 2011 solely for the purpose of collecting and analysing data on Council employees. It should be noted that in the general course of facilities management closed circuit television would have been in operation in council buildings. However this would have been installed and operated in the course of overall security measures for the building and not specifically to collect information on Council employees nor for its subsequent analysis. In addition to this is should also be noted that a telephone call recording facility does exist for recording telephone calls made through the Council's Contact Centre. It should however be noted that this system is not specifically installed for the purpose of collecting or analysing Council employees but is rather to review and monitor the service we provide to our residents with a view to continually improving our methods and for utilisation in future training. As the specific purpose of the systems detailed above was not for collecting information on Council employees, it is not possible to provide a figure on the expenditure in this respect.</p> <p>3. There has been no expenditure on the use of private investigators in collecting information on Council employees in the calendar year 2011. There are not any employees within the Council whom may be classified as private investigators. Evidently there would be</p>

				involved in collecting and/or analysing information on Council employees, whatever the nature of that information. 4) What sum of money was spent in the calendar year 2010 by the Council on private investigators (be they agencies, freelance or Council employees) involved in collecting and/or analysing information on Council employees, whatever the nature of that information. 5) What was the nature of the information intended to be collected by any and all of the agents or devices detailed in the responses to questions 1 through 4? 6) What action was taken by the Council as a result of collecting and/or receiving the information detailed in questions 1 through 5?	Council employees whom in the course of their duties may be viewed as collecting information on employees, for example through recruitment procedures in gaining references. As this work would have been carried out concurrently with other work it is not possible to provide a specific amount on this particular activity being carried out by Council employees. 4. In the calendar year 2010, a private investigator was hired for an investigation on staff, totalling a spending of £10,392.88. Investigations are normally conducted internally but in this instance, an investigator was hired solely to undertake the specialist task of surveillance. 5. The information which was compiled in the course of the investigation detailed in Question 4 was collated in anticipation of commencing criminal proceedings. 6. Dismissal.
Public	11443	05/12/2011	05/01/2012	Tenant Involvement Subject: Cost of Resident Involvement Team since 2008/09 I would like to know the full expended cost of Resident Involvement Team (RIT) for the years 2008/09/10/11, with full	Summary: Please see attached spreadsheet. Please note in some cases (highlighted) we are unable to provide a breakdown of ATLC/BTLC spend and therefore have provided the overall amount spent. This is due to how cost codes are recorded on our systems.

					breakdown of budgeted and running costing specifically separating the support cost on Borough wide Tenant Liaison committee (BTLC), the Six Area Tenant Liaison committee (ATLC) and all the Tenant & Resident Association (TRA) in the borough indentifying how much is catering refreshments, Transport, Child care, miscellaneous expenses and number of meetings covered by the expenses.	
Public	11486	06/12/2011	05/01/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Structure Charts</p> <p>Full management structure charts with manager contact details for the following council departments;</p> <p>Executive and Senior Management Housing Management including Rent Arrears, Void Properties, ASB, Estate and Tenancy Management, voids and lettings Reactive, Planned and Major Works department (Technical Services or Housing Maintenance) Strategic Housing Housing Options, Housing Needs and Homelessness Supported and Sheltered</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached Organisational Structure Chart for Newham Council. All staff can be contacted via the Council's contact centre on 02084302000.</p>

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Public	11580	02/11/2011	06/01/2012	Parking Design	<p>Subject: Controlled Parking</p> <p>1. How many households were consulted about the controlled parking zone on Cheltenham Gardens;</p> <p>2. Which streets were consulted about this;</p> <p>3. How many responses the council received which supported it;</p> <p>4. What the total cost was for making Cheltenham Gardens a controlled parking zone.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Twenty households were consulted regarding the proposed introduction of controlled parking in Cheltenham gardens.</p> <p>2. The proposed extension to the existing Market Street Residents Parking Zone consisted of Kimberley Avenue, Market Street, Sussex Road and Cheltenham Gardens. These streets were all consulted regarding the proposed introduction of parking restrictions.</p> <p>3. Please see below the responses which were received as a result of the consultation carried out.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Road Name</th> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>For %</th> <th>Ag %</th> <th>Response%</th> <th>No of Dwellings</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kimberley Ave</td> <td>21</td> <td>8</td> <td>72%</td> <td>28%</td> <td>40%</td> <td>73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Market Street</td> <td>10</td> <td>1</td> <td>91%</td> <td>9%</td> <td>24%</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sussex Road</td> <td>35</td> <td>9</td> <td>80%</td> <td>20%</td> <td>57%</td> <td>77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheltenham Gdns</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> <td>56%</td> <td>44%</td> <td>45%</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>4. The exact costing for the Market Street Residents Parking Zone extension have not yet been finalised, but the estimated cost of the scheme for the all the roads (including consultation, design, order making and implementation of the line markings, posts and signs) is around £29,000. There are no individual costs for Cheltenham Gardens.</p>	Road Name	Yes	No	For %	Ag %	Response%	No of Dwellings	Kimberley Ave	21	8	72%	28%	40%	73	Market Street	10	1	91%	9%	24%	32	Sussex Road	35	9	80%	20%	57%	77	Cheltenham Gdns	5	4	56%	44%	45%	20
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Organisation	11445	06/12/2011	06/01/2012	COMMUNITY CENTRE	Subject: Request for correspondence between Alif Academy and LBN	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find enclosed requested correspondence. Please note under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have</p>																																			

					<p>We would like to request copies of all internal and external correspondence, electronic and written regarding Alif Academy and Newham Community Project made by LBN since 1st January 2011 until now.</p>	<p>removed personal details, including names of individual employees as these are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully by the London Borough of Newham.</p> <p>Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides an absolute exemption where disclosure of personal data about individuals would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act. Therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest test in disclosure.</p> <p>Please see link below to the Council's website where information regarding the property history of 313-319 Katherine Road E7 8PJ can be found: http://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/propertyDetails.do?activeTab=relatedCases&keyVal=IG2INUJY99000</p>
Organisation	11446	06/12/2011	06/01/2012	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p>Subject: Waiting list for schools for children aged 3-11</p> <p>1. I would like to know as of 1st of September 2011 how many children aged 3-11 years are waiting for a school place in Newham.</p> <p>2. I would also like to know how long these children have been on the waiting list.</p> <p>3. Additionally, I would like to know how many children in this age range have been found places in schools outside</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We do not hold information in relation to three year olds entering nursery education.</p> <p>For children aged between four and half years (admission into school years reception) to eleven years, 398 children had applied but were without an offer of a place.</p> <p>It should however be noted that this information should be viewed in light of the requested date of the information being 1st September 2011. As the schools would have been closed for the holidays in July and August, it would not have been possible for the schools to submit vacancy information which may allow for further school placements to have been allocated in early September, therefore reducing the waiting list.</p>

					Newham LEA	<p>2. A total of 126 of the 398 had applied to be on the waiting list for a Newham school placement for at least ten school days before the start of the school summer holidays in July/August of 2011. The remaining number of applicants on the waiting list (as of 1st September 2011) of 272 applied for a school place during the summer holidays/school closure.</p> <p>3. For the current academic year, a total of seven children from four and a half years to eleven years have been offered places in maintained schools outside of Newham via the PAN London 'In Year' co-ordination protocol.</p>												
Public	11450	06/12/2011	06/01/2012	Highway Maintenance	<p>Subject: Budget/ spend on seasonal decorations with breakdown of costs</p> <p>1. How much has Newham Council budgeted/ spent 01/11/11 to 06/01/12 and 01/11/10 to 06/01/11 on seasonal decorations in public spaces. Broken down by amount spent on trees, lights and other decorations and where these are situated.</p> <p>2. Total budgeted/ spent on events 01/11/11 to 06/01/12 and 01/11/10 to 06/01/11. Broken down by amount, type and date of event.</p> <p>3. Total budgeted/ spent on gifts for council staff, guests and twinned councils 001/11/11 to 06/01/12 and 01/11/10 to</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below the requested amounts in respect of the expenditure on festive decorations and lighting for the request period between 01.11.10 – 06.01.11 and the same period for the current 2011/2012 season.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">2010/2011</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2011/2012 Estimated</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Street Decorations & Lights – Installation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£56,032.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£46,600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street Decorations & Lights – Replacements</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18,638.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10,700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street Decorations & Lights – Energy Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,780.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,780.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We do not hold information specifically in respect of the breakdown of this expenditure attributable to the decoration of trees and differentiation between decorations and decorative lighting. It may however be useful to note that the majority of all decorations across the borough are light based as these are more resilient and able to be reused for future festivities.</p> <p>The Council provides seasonal lighting and decorations at the following locations:</p>		2010/2011	2011/2012 Estimated	Street Decorations & Lights – Installation	£56,032.00	£46,600.00	Street Decorations & Lights – Replacements	£18,638.00	£10,700.00	Street Decorations & Lights – Energy Costs	£6,780.00	£6,780.00
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				<p>06/01/11. Break down by gift, amount and recipient.</p> <p>4. Has Newham received money from Outer London Fund or other GLA funding for seasonal decorations in 2011?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barking Road (near Dukes Court), E6 • Broadway (Great Eastern Road to the Grove), E15 • Freemasons Road Victoria Dock Road to Coolfin Road), E16 • Great Eastern Road (opposite the entrance to the Stratford Centre), E15 • Green Street (Tudor Road to St. Georges Road), E7 and E13 • Hermit Road (in trees in Hermit Road Recreation Ground), E13 • High Street North (Barking Road to Romford Road) • High Street South (in trees just inside Central park) • Rathbone Market, E16 (no lights provided in 2011/12 due to regeneration scheme) • The Grove (Romford Road to Great Eastern Road), E15 • Upton Lane (Romford Road to Sebert Road), E7 • Woodgrange Road (Romford Road to Vale Road), E7 • West Ham Lane (in trees in Stratford Park), E15 <p>2. Please see below the requested amounts in respect of the expenditure on events between 01.11.10 – 06.01.11 and the same period for the current 2011/2012 season.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="text-align: right; width: 10%;">2010/2011</th> <th style="text-align: right; width: 10%;">2011/2012</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>East Ham Switch on Event Activities (26.11.11)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,470.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,436.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stratford Switch on Event Activities (02.12.11)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£570.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£618.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forest Gate Switch on Event Activities (10.12.11)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£350.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£540.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newham Dockside Christmas Concert (16.12.11)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£122.18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Reception (08.12.11)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,335.47</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,112.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACT volunteers – Lantern Event (26.11.11)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>3. We have given no corporate gifts to council staff, guests or twinned councils during the stated time frames.</p>		2010/2011	2011/2012	East Ham Switch on Event Activities (26.11.11)	£1,470.00	£11,436.88	Stratford Switch on Event Activities (02.12.11)	£570.00	£618.00	Forest Gate Switch on Event Activities (10.12.11)	£350.00	£540.00	Newham Dockside Christmas Concert (16.12.11)	£122.18	£0.00	Christmas Reception (08.12.11)	£1,335.47	£4,112.31	ACT volunteers – Lantern Event (26.11.11)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
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Organisation	11456	06/12/2011	06/01/2012	Property Valuation	<p>Subject: List of commercial properties with rateable values of £10,000 and above</p> <p>Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:-</p> <p>(a) Addresses and rateable values of Commercial properties that are within your jurisdiction with a rateable value of £10,000 and above;</p> <p>(b) The occupants Business / Company name of those properties referred to in (a)</p> <p>And</p> <p>(c) The assessment numbers of those properties referred to in (a)</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Unfortunately we are unable to search and extract this information from our internal system.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information it would be necessary for an officer to manually interrogate each commercial property account individually, to be able to identify and collate the requested information in respect of the rateable value. There are in the region of 6,900 commercial properties in the borough. 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>1-3. Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request.</p> <p>Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:</p> <p>41. (1) Information is exempt information if –</p> <p>(a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person</p>

					<p>(including another public authority), and</p> <p>(b) The disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p> <p>(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1) (a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.</p> <p>We find that in providing the company name and addresses of the properties you have requested would amount to a breach of confidence in divulging this information to third parties and not in the purpose for which the information had been provided.</p> <p>Section 40 – Personal data</p> <p>Furthermore, we would apply Section 40, as disclosure of addresses of rate payers 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>If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 3373 7912 or email us at information.governance@newham.gov.uk.</p>
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Public	11514	06/12/2011	06/01/2012	Parking Design	<p>Subject: Documentation for bus stop at Upton Lane</p> <p>Bus Stop located on Upton Lane outside The Hudson Bay Public House (near the junction of Woodgrange Road, E7)</p> <p>a) A copy of the bus stop order or regulation giving effect to the Bus stop b) A copy of the Safety Audit for this road layout c) A copy of the engineer's scale diagrams showing the layout of this bus stop, the road markings and the signage (including warnings of camera enforcement). d) Copies of any approvals of deviations of signage from TSRGD e) Logs of maintenance visits verifying existence and condition of the signs f) Certification of type of approval of the CCTV device g) Details of the number of times that the videotape used has been degaussed and reused h) A copy of the camera enforcement logbook recording and alleged contravention i) Copies of the still images showing all the required information in the correct order</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Documentation request for bus stop at Upton Lane – submitted in the course of an appeal against the issue of a Penalty Charge Notice at the location (PN04825347)</p> <p>1. A copy of the bus stop order or regulation giving effect to the Bus stop There is no requirement for a traffic order to enforce bus stop clearways. If this bus stop is a clearway the restrictions are laid down in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 - Schedule 19, part I. It has been confirmed the bus stop does have clearway restrictions and there are time plate stating no stopping at any time except for local buses in place.</p> <p>2. A copy of the Safety Audit for this road layout 3. A copy of the engineer's scale diagrams showing the layout of this bus stop, the road markings and the signage (including warnings of camera enforcement). 4. Copies of any approvals of deviations of signage from TSRGD</p> <p>2-4. As this is a long established bus stop at this location and following a manual search of documentation still held within the Highways service, it is believed the requested documents are no longer held by the authority. The retention policy for traffic management documentation is five years. It is understood that these have not been retained beyond this period and therefore the requested documentation is no longer available.</p> <p>5. Logs of maintenance visits verifying existence and condition of the signs There is no schedule for the routine maintenance of signage. Site visits to existing signage would only be as a result of the need for a responsive repair.</p>
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					<p>request exceeds the appropriate limit. It has been considered that to manually review each PCN file and determine whether it relates to the bus stop in question would take approximately two minutes per file and with the total exceeding 6,000 this would exceed the appropriate time limit.</p> <p>The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse 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>11. The number of PCN's issued by Newham Council in respect of this location and cancelled by them following informal challenges</p> <p>12. The number of PCN's issues by Newham Council in respect of this location and cancelled by them following formal appeal to them</p> <p>13. The number of PCN's issued by Newham Council in respect of this location and cancelled following appeal to a PATAS adjudicator</p> <p>14. The number of PCN's issued to Newham Council in respect of this location and not pursued by them for any other reason</p> <p>11-14. The response to Question 10 also applies to the responses to Questions 11 to 14. As we are unable to identify the PCN's which were issued at your exact requested location within the reasonable time limit, we are also unable to identify the appeal stages and outcomes, through which those PCN's would have progressed.</p>
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Organisation	11455	07/12/2011	09/01/2012	Public Health, Safety & Licensing	<p>Subject: Number of Shisha Bars in Newham</p> <p>1. Please provide the number of premises that are known to be currently operating as Shisha bars in your area.</p> <p>2. Please provide the number of premises that were known to be operating as a Shisha bars in 2007 in our area.</p> <p>3. If your data does not go back as far as 2007, please provide the number of premises known to be operating as Shisha bars for the oldest year possible, and please state which year you are providing data for.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Newham Council is aware of five premises currently operating as Shisha bars in the borough.</p> <p>Of these five, one of the premises has planning permission for a Health Act 2006 compliant smoking shelter and no enforcement action is pending. The other four are the subject of enforcement action by either the Food Safety Team for alleged Health Act 2006 offences, Planning Enforcement breaches or breaches of Landlord and Tenant legislation.</p> <p>2. Unfortunately our data on this subject only extends as far back at 2009.</p> <p>3. In 2009, Newham Council were aware of a total of twenty one premises operating as Shisha bars in the borough at that time.</p> <p>Newham Council takes a pro-active stance in these types of cases and ensures enforcement action is taken where applicable. This is shown in the figures above, displaying a significant decline in the number of Shisha bars operating in the borough since 2009. We endeavour to ensure that the various Council departments work closely together in order to maintain the most effective means are adopted in which to ensure compliance with current legislation.</p>
Public	11490	07/12/2011	09/01/2012	Members - Other	<p>Subject: Special Overview and Scrutiny Meeting</p> <p>The Newham Council calendar of meetings listed a Special Overview and Scrutiny Meeting for 6:30 pm on the 5th of December 2011. No Agenda papers or other documents were listed for this meeting. On the</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Who generated the original entry for the meeting? Answer: A Senior Scrutiny Officer in the Scrutiny Team.</p> <p>Who changed the status re documentation on the 6th? Answer: A Senior Scrutiny Officer in the Scrutiny team.</p> <p>What was the intended purpose of the meeting? Answer: The purpose of the meeting was to serve as a stand-by</p>

					<p>6th of December the web-page for the meeting had been changed, with the status being that no documents were available for the meeting. Shortly after 3:30 pm on the 6th the listing for the meeting was removed from the calendar and the page for the meeting was taken off the web-site.</p> <p>Who generated the original entry for the meeting? Who changed the status re documentation on the 6th? What was the intended purpose of the meeting? Has the meeting been cancelled or postponed? If it has been postponed, when will it be recalled?</p>	<p>meeting to co-opt a member of the Newham Link to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission. A stand-by meeting was needed in case the Newham Link could not get the relevant documentation submitted in time for the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 22 November 2011. In effect, it was on stand-by to be used if needed. However, it was not needed as the documentation was received on time and the co-option was agreed at the meeting of 22 November 2011.</p> <p>Has the meeting been cancelled or postponed? Answer: The meeting has been cancelled.</p> <p>If it has been postponed, when will it be recalled? Answer: Not applicable.</p>
Media	11460	09/12/2011	09/01/2012	Finance	<p>Subject: Amount spent on Publicity Expenditure</p> <p>1. Please could you tell me the amount the Council spent on Publicity Expenditure during the last financial year ended 31 March 2011?</p> <p>I understand this comes under Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986.</p> <p>2. Please could you also if</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. As you may have noticed, the Publicity Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March 2011 was not included in the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy "Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting" and the accompanying guidance notes do not specify the requirement to provide publicity accounts in the Statement of Accounts. It was for this reason that it was not include in the published figures for 2010/2011.</p> <p>The totals spend on publicity, as recorded by our internal accounting system for 2010/2011 was £979,190.</p>

				<p>possible provide me with the breakdown of the above sum?</p> <p>3. Please could you also tell me if the Council produces a periodical publication for residents?</p> <p>4. If the Council does please could you answer the following :-</p> <p>(a) Is the cost of producing the publication included in the answer to question 1?</p> <p>(B) If not please could you tell me the net cost of producing the periodical publication?</p>	<p>2. It should be noted that the figure for 2010/2011 does not include staffing costs and is therefore lower than for previous years. Additionally it may also be useful to note that full retrospective accounts of individual service spends on publicity have in the past been collated in the course of the preparation of the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts. As this information was not reported in this format for the last financial year, it is unfortunately not possible to provide a further breakdown on the total provided.</p> <p>In order to now retrieve this information outside of the end of year financial returns would require an officer to now compile accounts from each of the teams and services across the Council and interrogate each of the accounts individually, to be able to identify the publicity spend for each. 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>3. The London Borough of Newham publishes a fortnightly magazine for local residents called the Newham Mag.</p> <p>(a) No.</p> <p>(b) The total net cost to the council to print and distribute the fortnightly 40-page Newham Mag in 2010/11 was £397,656.34 - less than 4p per copy per household.</p>
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Business	11461	09/12/2011	09/01/2012	Learning and Schools Service - (Non Schools)	<p>Subject: Newham teachers</p> <p>How many teachers does Newham council employ to fulfil its statutory duties under section 52 of the Children Act 2004?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council directly employs five advisory teachers and head teachers of the virtual school who, as part of a specialist team, work exclusively to address the education needs of our children looked after and do so in partnership with external education providers and social care provision.</p>																											
Public	11462	09/12/2011	09/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: On-street Penalty Charge Notices (non CCTV).</p> <p>1. How many tickets were issued for 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?</p> <p>2. Can I have the total number of penalty charge notices paid at the discounted rate (if applicable), at the full rate notice to owner stage, the charge certificate stage and at the registration of debt/bailiff stage for the following years, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?</p> <p>3. Can you also add the amount of revenue generated at every stage for the question above?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We do not hold records for the requested period between 1st January 2000 and 31st August 2002 as this was previously recorded using a different system.</p> <p>For your reference, please see below the total numbers of penalty charge notices issued for each calendar year requested.</p> <table> <tr> <td>2002</td> <td>-</td> <td>35,142 (from 01 Sep to 31 Dec only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003</td> <td>-</td> <td>115,293</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>-</td> <td>114,228</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>-</td> <td>115,636</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>-</td> <td>109,250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>-</td> <td>85,639</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>-</td> <td>79,429</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>-</td> <td>110,928</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>-</td> <td>99,276</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. As stated above, we do not hold records for penalty charge notices issued prior to 1st September 2002.</p> <p>Unfortunately our systems are unable to break down the total number of tickets paid at each stage of the statutory appeals process. To complete this request would require a manual check of</p>	2002	-	35,142 (from 01 Sep to 31 Dec only)	2003	-	115,293	2004	-	114,228	2005	-	115,636	2006	-	109,250	2007	-	85,639	2008	-	79,429	2009	-	110,928	2010	-	99,276
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					<p>each of the penalty charge records across these years to manually review and collate the stage at which each penalty was paid. To provide this information would require a manual check of 444,257 records. At a rate of reviewing 199 penalty charge notice records per day, at approximately two minutes per record, 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>In order to provide as much information to you as possible, we have been able to provide the total number of penalty charge notices which have been paid each year, although not broken down by appeal stage as requested.</p> <table> <tr> <td>2002</td> <td>-</td> <td>12,223 (from 01 Sep to 31 Dec only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003</td> <td>-</td> <td>46,839</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>-</td> <td>52,754</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>-</td> <td>57,091</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>-</td> <td>56,835</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>-</td> <td>50,195</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>-</td> <td>45,848</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>-</td> <td>62,168</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>-</td> <td>60,304</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. For the same reasons given in the response to Question 2 above it is not possible to provide the total revenue received for penalty</p>	2002	-	12,223 (from 01 Sep to 31 Dec only)	2003	-	46,839	2004	-	52,754	2005	-	57,091	2006	-	56,835	2007	-	50,195	2008	-	45,848	2009	-	62,168	2010	-	60,304
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						<p>charge notices settled at each stage of the statutory appeals process.</p> <p>However we have been able to provide annual figures for the total revenue received in each year, regardless of the stage at which the penalty charge notice was paid.</p> <p>2002 - £514,516 (from 01 Sep to 31 Dec only)</p> <p>2003 - £2,391,249</p> <p>2004 - £2,776,126</p> <p>2005 - £2,948,991</p> <p>2006 - £2,943,386</p> <p>2007 - £2,715,673</p> <p>2008 - £2,688,180</p> <p>2009 - £3,891,070</p> <p>2010 - £4,199,835</p>
Public	11451	09/12/2011	09/01/2012	Lettings Agency	<p>Subject: Overcrowding policy and legislations enforced by LBN</p> <p>1.1) Does your authority use statutory overcrowding standards to complete overcrowding assessments?</p> <p>1.2) Does your authority use the room standard to complete overcrowding assessments?</p> <p>1.3) Does your authority consider children under 10 years old when using the room standard?</p> <p>1.4) Does your authority use the space standard to complete</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1.1) Does your authority use statutory overcrowding standards to complete overcrowding assessments? We apply more generous assessment criteria than the statutory overcrowding standards. When assessing overcrowding we only take into consideration the number of bedrooms, not other rooms in the property. We also count every household member regardless of their age.</p> <p>1.2) Does your authority use the room standard to complete overcrowding assessments? As above, we consider the number of bedrooms in the property</p> <p>1.3) Does your authority consider children under 10 years old when using the room standard? Yes.</p> <p>1.4) Does your authority use the space standard to complete overcrowding assessments? No. The 'space standard' is not used to complete overcrowding assessments; however, it is used for allocation.</p> <p>1.5) Does your authority consider kitchens or living rooms where</p>

				<p>overcrowding assessments?</p> <p>1.5) Does your authority consider kitchens or living rooms where there is enough room for a bed to be suitable sleeping accommodation?</p> <p>1.6) Does your authority consider it satisfactory for adult couples to not sleep in the same bedroom if it allows other occupants not to be sharing with someone of the opposite sex? (For example if the mother were to share with her daughter and the father with the son).</p> <p>1.7) At what age is it deemed unacceptable for a child to be sharing with someone of the opposite sex?</p> <p>1.8) Do you consider 'through rooms' (where someone would have to walk through the room to get to another, for example the kitchen or bathroom) as suitable sleeping accommodation?</p> <p>2.1) Do you use HHSRS to assess overcrowding?</p> <p>2.2) In accordance with section 9 (2) of the Housing Act 2004</p>	<p>there is enough room for a bed to be suitable sleeping accommodation?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>1.6) Does your authority consider it satisfactory for adult couples to not sleep in the same bedroom if it allows other occupants not to be sharing with someone of the opposite sex? (For example if the mother were to share with her daughter and the father with the son). We would award reasonable preference if children of the opposite sex over 8 have to share.</p> <p>1.7) At what age is it deemed unacceptable for a child to be sharing with someone of the opposite sex? Currently 8 years old but this is being reviewed to 10 years old.</p> <p>1.8) Do you consider 'through rooms' (where someone would have to walk through the room to get to another, for example the kitchen or bathroom) as suitable sleeping accommodation? No.</p> <p>2.1) Do you use HHSRS to assess overcrowding? HHSRS is used for evaluating potential risk to health & safety. If a property is classed as a category 1 hazard then the applicant will be awarded additional Reasonable preference on the housing register. They may also be classified as homeless if the works cannot be carried out within a reasonable period. Reasonable preference to those who are overcrowded.</p> <p>2.2) In accordance with section 9 (2) of the Housing Act 2004 do you consider the guidance available when completing overcrowding assessments in your authority? (For example, the worked examples provided). Yes.</p> <p>2.3) Do the worked examples provide information relevant to your authority and the housing stock that is present? Yes.</p> <p>2.4) Does your authority have a method of standardising assessments between officers? Yes.</p> <p>2.5) Do you consider 'internal rooms' (where someone would have to walk through the room to get to another, for example the kitchen</p>
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Public	11442	08/12/2011	10/01/2012	Disabled People & Young People Service	<p>Subject: SEN Tribunal cases for last 5 years</p> <p>1. Please inform me of the number of SEN Tribunals the LEA has attended in the last five years due to refusal to assess? I'd like separate figures for each year.</p> <p>2. Of the Tribunals attended how many did the LEA win? I.e. it was decided no assessment was to be undertaken.</p> <p>3. How many Tribunals were won by parents using Legal Representation?</p> <p>4. How many were won by parents without Legal Representation?</p> <p>5. How many were resolved using a mediation and resolution process? Of these how many were in favour of parents?</p> <p>6. What are the average costs to Newham in taking a case to Tribunal?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1-2. Please see below table. Please note the cases for 2011 are still ongoing and therefore the outcomes are not available.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1391 432 2004 678"> <thead> <tr> <th>YEAR</th> <th>No. RTA Dismissed</th> <th>Attended</th> <th colspan="2">Withdrawn by parent</th> <th>Parents win</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>13</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>4</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>11</td> <td>6</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>9</td> <td>6</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>3- 4. We do not hold this information centrally. To obtain this information would exceed the appropriate time limit as an officer would have to manually locate and interrogate all relevant files. 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>5. No tribunals were resolved using a mediation/resolution process.</p> <p>6. Cases can cost approximately £2,350 each, which includes the cost of a tribunal with 1 representative and 2 witnesses, professional reports, and administration costs. For more complex cases the figure could be higher.</p>	YEAR	No. RTA Dismissed	Attended	Withdrawn by parent		Parents win	2011	13	1	0	0	5	2010	3	1	1	0	2	2009	2	2	2	0	0	2008	4	2	2	0	2	2007	11	6	6	1	4	2006	9	6	4	1	4
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Media	11457	08/12/2011	10/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Parking fines issues between 01/01/2011 and 06/12/2011</p> <p>1. The number of fines issued for on-street parking violations incurred in the London Borough of Newham in the period between January 1 2011 and December 6 2011</p> <p>2. Can the information detail the name of the road where the parking violation occurred, and the date the violation took place?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There were a total of 118,591 penalty charge notices issued for on-street parking violations during the period between January 1st 2011 and December 6th 2011.</p> <p>2. Please find attached a table detailing each of the penalty charge notices issued by date and the street where the violation took place.</p>
Organisation	11458	08/12/2011	10/01/2012	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Housing Benefit and LHA claimants</p> <p>Does your authority have estimates concerning the following:</p> <p>1. The number of Housing Benefit and Local Housing Allowance claimants who will be affected by the impending increase in the age threshold for the Shared Accommodation Rate?</p> <p>2. The number of single Housing Benefit and Local</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) 546 households will be affected by the change in the age threshold for the Shared Accommodation rate. Households will be affected depending on the anniversary date of their claim and any period of transitional protection they have had from the changes to LHA rates from April 2011.</p> <p>2) It is only possible for us to determine numbers for households where the anniversary of their claim fell before 1st January 2012. Of these 380 individuals will see a reduction in their benefit at the end of any transitional protection period (up to 9 months from the anniversary date of their claim).</p> <p>3) The average loss of benefit amongst the 380 affected individuals is £8.27 per week.</p>

				<p>Housing Allowance claimants currently living in shared accommodation whose benefit has been or will be reduced as a result of the LHA rate being set at the 30th percentile rather than the 50th?</p> <p>3. The average loss in benefit experienced by people in shared accommodation as a result of the move from the 50th to the 30th percentile?</p> <p>What steps, if any, have been made to minimise the impact of these changes?</p>	<p>4) Any resident affected by changes to Local Housing Allowance would be free to apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment to assist with any shortfall. Unfortunately this is a limited fund so we are unable to guarantee that all affected households will receive support.</p> <p>For 25-35 year olds affected by these changes, we have agreed that where we are unable to provide the resident with 2 months notice of the change in their benefit we will maintain their award of housing benefit at their previous level to provide them with that period of time to seek alternative accommodation. After that time they will be free to apply for a continuation of Discretionary Housing Payment but this continuation cannot be guaranteed.</p>
Media	11459	08/12/2011	10/01/2012	<p>Animal Welfare</p> <p>Subject: Number of people who have breached a dog control order between 01/01/2011 and 01/12/2011</p> <p>1. The number of people who were found by Newham Borough Council to have breached a dog control order in the period between January 1 2011 and December 1 2011.</p> <p>2. Could the information detail where the orders were breached, the date they were breached, and the reason for the breach?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham's Dog Control Orders did not come into force until 3rd May 2011. Therefore the information provided below in respect of breaches of Dog Control orders relates to the period between 3rd May 2011 and 1st December 2011.</p> <p>Unfortunately we are unable to extract the exact information you have requested from our system. In order to retrieve the specific information you have requested in respect of each of the breaches, it would be necessary for an officer to further manually search and interrogate in the region of 9,000 files on our Street Scene Enforcement system for this period, within which Dog Control Order breaches are held, to review and manually extract the individual details of each breach. Whilst certain search fields are available on our internal systems, to extract the specific information you have requested in respect of each individual breach 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>Whilst for the reasons above we are unable to provide the individual information specific to each breach, we have been able to extract the following information in respect of the monthly totals of breaches to Dog Control Orders and the wards within which increased enforcement action has been necessary.</p> <p>A total of 75 Fixed Penalty Notices, as a result of breaches of Newham's Dog Control Orders were issued between 3rd May 2011 and 1st December 2011.</p> <p>Please see below a breakdown of the total number of penalty notices which were issued monthly during the specified period.</p> <table> <tr> <td>May 2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </table> <p>A total of 34 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for dogs off a lead in an area where they should be on one, i.e. a highway, and dogs off</p>	May 2011	-	12	June 2011	-	28	July 2011	-	19	August 2011	-	5	September 2011	-	7	October 2011	-	0	November 2011	-	4
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						<p>a lead when directed to be put on one by an authorised Officer.</p> <p>An additional 25 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for failure remove dog fouling, with a further 16 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dogs in a dog exclusion areas</p> <p>The top five wards where Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for breach of Dog Control Orders are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plaistow - Forest Gate - Stratford - Beckton - Canning Town <p>There is a significant amount of information held on the Newham Website regarding the differing Dog Control Orders in place and the Dog Exclusion Zones across Newham. For your reference please see below the relevant pages on the Newham website.</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourEnvironment/AnimalWelfareAndLicensing/DogControlOrders.htm</p>
Organisa tion	11470	12/12/2011	11/01/2012	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Utility works near Sebert Road, E7</p> <p>I am writing in terms of the New Road and Street Works Act for information on which Utility had an opening notice to carry out street works (excavation) at or near to O/S 12 Sebert Road E7 0NQ.</p> <p>Could you please go back 10 years as we are investigating a</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached works notices for the location requested.</p>

					latent damage to Virgin Media apparatus at this location.	
Public	11472	12/12/2011	11/01/2012	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject: Criteria for choosing Obsidian and minutes of meeting</p> <p>1) The criteria on which Obsidian were chosen as the preferred developer for the planned redevelopment in Forest Gate, including specific reasons why any other developers were not considered.</p> <p>2) The criteria on which a decision will made to go ahead with Obsidian's plans or not.</p> <p>3) All the research evidence regarding regeneration in urban areas that was used in the council's discussions, decision making and correspondence about this matter.</p> <p>4) Minutes of council meetings at which the planned redevelopment was discussed</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached a Cabinet Report dated 18/11/2010. This document sets out the basis of the relationship between LBN and Obsidian regarding Forest Gate town centre regeneration. A formal public consultation will be conducted at an appropriate stage, through the planning process, providing an opportunity for the members of the public to raise any objections they might have.</p> <p>In the meantime, a website has also been launched to raise awareness and increase public participation: http://www.forestgateregeneration.com/intro/about-obsidian/</p> <p>In addition, please see link below to Council's website which provides agendas and minutes of Council meetings regarding Obsidian: http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieSearchResults2.aspx?SS=obsidian&DT=3&CA=false&SB=true&CX=9421814&PG=1</p> <p>Any further information regarding the Obsidian Development at Forest Gate would be considered as commercially sensitive, as proposals are at the pre-application planning and negotiation stage. As a result, we consider that premature release of commercially sensitive information could damage the developers' and authority's commercial interests. Also, inhibit the free and frank exchange of views within local government. Therefore, information is exempt under sections 43 and 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Further explanation is outlined on the attached previous responses (E10052 and E10211).</p>
Public	11474	12/12/2011	11/01/2012	Recycling, Cleansing and	Subject: Street waste weight from Queens Market from	Summary:

				Waste collection Policy	<p>01/09/2011</p> <p>Please can you tell me what the street arising weight from Queens Market on a monthly basis from September 1 2011 is?</p>	<p>Residual waste arising from Queens market was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2011: 54.4 tonnes • October 2011: 20.1 tonnes • November 2011: 17.2 tonnes <p>The figures for December 2011 are not yet available. The above figures do not include the recycling of wood, plastics, cardboard & vegetable waste that is diverted away from the market and is currently estimated at 70% recycling.</p>
Organisation	11519	12/12/2011	11/01/2012	Internal Audit	<p>Subject: RIPA</p> <p>1. How many times has this local authority authorised operations or investigations under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (Ripa) in the periods:</p> <p>a) 1st December 2008– 30th November 2009?</p> <p>b) 1st December 2009– 30th November 2010?</p> <p>c) 1st December 2010– 30th November 2011</p> <p>In each instance, please state the nature of the offence (e.g. graffiti, fly tipping etc).</p> <p>Please also provide details of how many resulted in prosecutions and convictions.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below the total number of times the Council have used the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA Applications) over the past three calendar years (Jan-Dec):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 : 24 • 2010 : 19 • 2011 : 30 <p>Please see below the reasons for each of the RIPA applications made over the past three years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underage Sale: 51 • Breach of trust, Bribery: 1 • Fly tipping: 1 • ASB/Breach of Injunctions: 6 • Fraud: 3 • Benefit Fraud: 6 • Trading Standards: 2 • Community Safety: 1 • Misuse of funds/equipment: 1 • Potential Theft: 1 <p>2. Records of whether authorisations lead to prosecutions are not</p>

					<p>Please note I am not asking for details of the defendants or the case itself.</p>	<p>recorded centrally on our systems. Therefore, to obtain this information would exceed the appropriate time limit as it would require a number of service areas (that made the authorisations); to manually interrogate all files dating back to January 2009 to find out whether any prosecutions/ convictions were made.</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	11466	12/12/2011	12/01/2012	Housing Partnerships	<p>Subject: Number of Vacant residential properties</p> <p>How many vacant residential properties there are in the borough as a whole.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. 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>2. There are presently approximately 817 unoccupied residential properties owned by the London Borough of Newham. This figure includes those properties which have recently been decanted and are awaiting demolition and regeneration.</p> <p>There are additionally approximately 2,045 unoccupied, privately owned residential properties in the borough.</p>

Public	11469	12/12/2011	12/01/2012	Business Rates	<p>Subject: List of nuisance names in Newham</p> <p>I am looking for a list of business names in Newham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business Name - Business Type - Main Tel No - Website - All Address fields including House No / House Name, Street Name, Postcode. <p>I would like the data as a CSV file with the field names in the first line.</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 by other means.</p> <p>The full details of businesses in Newham can be found in Newham's Business Directory. This is an online search facility and provides an A to Z list of businesses in the borough, together with contact details and advanced search options by type of business.</p> <p>For your ease of reference, please find below the link to Newham's Business Directory from the Newham website.</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/applications/businessdirectory/</p>
Media	11471	12/12/2011	12/01/2012	Highway Maintenance	<p>Subject: Winter Maintenance Vehicles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of winter maintenance vehicles including gritters and snow ploughs in the authority's current fleet. 2. Any changes in the number of the winter maintenance fleet, up or down, in the past five years or for the years available. 3. Any planned decisions related to the number of winter maintenance vehicles including 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newham Council currently has three gritters and three snow ploughs in our winter maintenance fleet. 2. In the past five years, there have been no changes in the number of vehicles in this fleet. 3. It is anticipated that in the next financial year, our fleet will increase to four gritters and four snow ploughs.

					gritters and snow ploughs.	
Public	11473	12/12/2011	12/01/2012	Recycling, Cleansing and Waste collection Policy	<p>Subject: Waste disposal weight in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011</p> <p>Please can you tell me the total waste disposal weight including street arising from Queens Road Market in 2009-2010 and 2010 - 2011 using weighbridge tickets?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold the information you have requested.</p> <p>The refuse vehicles used to collect waste from Queens Market during 2009-10 and 2010-11 were also used to collect waste from other markets and locations across the borough. Therefore it is not possible retrospectively to apportion the element of this waste that was generated at Queens Market and the surrounding street.</p> <p>It may however be of assistance to you to note the Market Management arrange for the collection of cardboard for recycling from Queens Market. This averages at about twelve tonnes per month.</p>
Public	11475	12/12/2011	12/01/2012	Recycling, Cleansing and Waste collection Policy	<p>Subject: Plans for waste and recycling arising from London Olympic Games</p> <p>I would like to know what plans the London Borough of Newham has in place for dealing with waste and recycling arising from the London Olympics.</p> <p>I would like to see all policy documents and plans related top dealing with commercial, street, food and residential waste and recycling arising either directly or indirectly from the games.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please find attached the relevant policy documents which have been drafted and the operational plans in place to address the additional waste generated directly or indirectly from the Games.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operations Plan Extract – Cleansing 2. Map detailing High Impact roads – Area 1 3. Map detailing High Impact roads – Area 2 4. Olympics High Impact Area 1 Cleansing Schedule 5. Olympics High Impact Area 2 Cleansing Schedule 6. Paralympics High Impact Area 1 Cleansing Schedule 7. Paralympics High Impact Area 2 Cleansing Schedule 8. Deep Cleansing Policy – High Impact Roads

					<p>Please include information estimates of waste and recycling levels and costs, funding and contractual arrangements.</p>	<p>Further documentation which may also be of interest to you can be found on the relevant website links given below.</p> <p>The London 2012 Sustainability Plan: Towards a One Planet 2012 http://www.london2012.com/sustainability</p> <p>Newham's Sustainable Community Strategy http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/corporateplans/newhamsustainablecommunitystrategy.htm</p> <p>2. The extra waste anticipated to be generated from the 2012 games is in the region of 5,000 tonnes, or approximately 8% over and above the normal waste generation for the same period in 2010-11. It is intended that Newham will maximise recycling of that extra waste, where possible.</p> <p>The additional work will be dealt with by Newham's in-house Services, augmented by temporary staff on fixed-term contracts.</p> <p>Newham's Street Cleansing and Waste Management preparations for the 2012 Games are being funded with a budget of £4,422,189 which has been received from Central Government.</p>
Public Bodies	11518	12/12/2011	12/01/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Children coming into schools/the borough from outside the UK</p> <p>I am primarily interested in the number of children coming into schools/the borough from outside the UK (up to 18) and from which country and how this has changed over recent time? I understand however you do not have these specific</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>As you were previously advised, we hold information in respect of the languages spoken in schools, together with records showing the ethnicity of children in Newham's school both of which are for existing students.</p> <p>Please find attached the requested details showing ethnicity statistics from 2006 to 2011 calendar years and language records from 2008 to 2011. Unfortunately we do not hold information in respect of historical data, extending back to the 1930s. However, it is hoped that this information will prove to be useful in your studies</p>

					<p>figures but you do have ethnic categories of children and languages spoken in schools and on a yearly basis in the Annual School Census. I am not sure whether this is new arrivals and or existing students but either/both sets of figures would be useful and in order to show trends over time. I would also be interested in any information on ESOL provision or for Romanians and Travellers or unaccompanied, asylum seeking children and any information or contacts you can give me.</p>	<p>by your own interpretation of this information.</p> <p>We unfortunately do not hold current information in respect of ESOL provision. The funding for ESOL work ceased last financial year and it is for individual schools to accommodate pupils' needs through their devolved budgets. The Local Authority does not hold information on how individual schools cater for such pupils' needs.</p> <p>It may be of further assistance to you to review the Newham website and perhaps consult with individual schools that may be able to provide you with qualitative data on the trends which may have occurred at a more local level. For your ease of reference, please see below the relevant link to the Schools page of the Newham website.</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolsDirectory/default.htm</p>
Public	11521	13/12/2011	12/01/2012	Highway Records	<p>Subject: Length of public footway</p> <p>Please advise the length of public footway designated as; Primary Walking Route Footpaths or Principal Road Footpaths And Secondary Walking Route Footpaths or Residential Road Footpaths.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find below lengths of publicly maintainable footways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prestige walking zone 20km • primary walking route 39km • secondary walking route 62km • link footway 29km • local access footway 678km ----- Total 828km
Public	11570	13/12/2011	12/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: VCA certificate</p> <p>Could you please arrange to</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find requested documents attached</p>

					<p>send a copy of the VCA certificate (current, valid and applicable for the alleged date of contravention), issued by VCA Headquarters which is certified by a person authorised by the secretary of state for transport, as required by Traffic Management Act 2004</p> <p>Certification of approved devices under article 2 of the civil enforcement of parking contravention (approved devices) (England) order 2007.</p>	
Public	11299	21/11/2011	13/01/2012	Finance	<p>Subject: LBNs financial relationship with London City Airport</p> <p>1) Could you please send me a full listing of any business and/or financial relationships between LBN and London City Airport since 2005? This list should include any agreements between Newham's mayor Robin Wales and LCA's [Personal data].</p> <p>2) Could you also offer an explanation for each of these relationships please?</p> <p>3) Furthermore could you please supply copies of all emails and other documentation relating to</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>London City Airport (LCA) has paid monies (capital and revenue) to the Council through Section 106 planning obligations, since 2005. The breakdown is as follows: £403,104.32 (revenue) and £1,890,794.38 (capital).</p> <p>To review the way that these monies were secured please refer to the Council's public access system: http://pa.newham.gov.uk/onlineapplications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application.</p> <p>Please also find attached spreadsheet showing miscellaneous transactions with LCA.</p> <p>In addition, we can confirm that a number of councillors have received hospitality / gifts from the Airport which have been declared in line with the council's policy regarding gifts and hospitality.</p> <p>We have attached correspondence between the Sir Robin Wales and</p>

					<p>the LBN's handling of London City Airport/[Personal data outdoor advertising p</p>	<p>[Personal data] the outdoor advertising proposal for Building 1000. We do not hold any other information in this regard.</p> <p>Information has been withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. This section 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>Information under this section is considered commercially sensitive as it relates to LCA’s financial assessments and business strategy. We have consulted with LCA and they have advised that they consider this information to be commercially sensitive, as disclosure could weaken their position in a competitive environment by revealing market-sensitive information or information of potential usefulness to its competitors.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the public interest is served by promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities, enabling the public to understand the facts and analysis behind policy decisions, including dealings with external companies. On the other hand, however, we recognise and consider 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 authorities. As such, we consider that maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Furthermore, we feel that the public interest is served by virtue of the information being released with this response.</p>
Public	11492	13/12/2011	13/01/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject: Contact details</p> <p>Can you please provide us the contact details- name and e-mail address- of the individuals responsible for the following teams:</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. As you may be aware a significant amount of social care assistance in the home is now determined and hired by the service user through individual budgets. To this effect there is no designated team of in-house carers. For further information or to speak to an officer regarding Adult Social Care, you can contact</p>

					<p>(a) Home carers team- individuals who attend elderly, disabled individuals to assist them/attend to their care. If you do not have such a team please let us know;</p> <p>(b) The person in charge of your school crossing patrol officer team- in charge of lollipop/ladies men;</p> <p>(c) Anti-social behaviour team (if any)</p>	<p>Newham's Contact Centre on 0208 430 2000 and follow the prompts.</p> <p>Additionally there is a wealth on information regarding the provision of Adult social care found on the Newham website. For your reference, please see the appropriate link below in relation to self directed care.</p> <p>http://adultsocialcare.newham.gov.uk/Pages/individual-budgets.aspx</p> <p>2. The School Crossings team lies within the Road Safety team of the Highways, Transport and Parking Service. The Head of Service is Mr John Biden (John.Biden@newham.gov.uk)</p> <p>Should you wish to speak to an officer in the Road Safety team, you may telephone 020 3373 1294.</p> <p>3. The anti-social behaviour team may be contacted on the Anti Social Behaviour Hotline number on 0800 731 3300.</p> <p>Further information in respect of the work of this service may be found on the Newham website on the link below</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourEnvironment/ReportingAntiSocialBehaviour/SupportingVictimsASB.htm</p>
Solicitors	11565	14/12/2011	16/01/2012	Highway Maintenance	<p>Subject: Un-adopted Highways</p> <p>1. List of un-adopted Highways in Newham with S. 38 agreement in place.</p> <p>2. Contact details of Head of department responsible for</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. There are 3 new cul-de-sacs with S38 agreements in Little Ilford. They do not have new names; please find attached a plan which shows them shaded in blue.</p> <p>2. Divisional Director of Highways, Transport and Parking - Steve Moore Head of Legal Services - Helen Sidwell</p>

					<p>highways and in Legal services responsible for adopting highways.</p> <p>3. Any details of third party surety provider named on agreement and remaining bond value.</p>	<p>All staff can be contacted via the Council's contact centre on 02084303000.</p> <p>3. NHBC (National House Building Council) is named on the agreement and has a bond value of £65,000.</p>
Public	11567	14/12/2011	16/01/2012	Business Rates	<p>Subject: Council owned properties</p> <p>All documentation relating to any council-owned property that is currently rented and/or leased to any political party, trade union or Member of Parliament.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We have not identified any Council owned commercial properties which are currently leased to any political party, trade union or Member of Parliament.</p> <p>It should be noted that in respect of Council-owned residential properties, it would not be possible through searches of our systems to identify as to whether a council tenant may also be a Member of Parliament, as this is not a required field nor search option on our systems. It has however been identified that those MPs with a local connection are not council tenants.</p>
Public	11551	15/12/2011	16/01/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Organisational structure</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I kindly request the following information for all your Commissioners, Heads of Service, Assistant Directors Executive Directors, Contracts Managers, Procurement Managers and Councillors:</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the most recently updated (April 2011) organisational structure chart which details the Senior Management of Newham Council and the current directorates and services. It should however be noted that we are currently in the process of restructuring the council's services and therefore the Directorates and senior management team are subject to change. It is anticipated that following this period of organisational change, an updated structure chart will be available in the next financial year.</p> <p>Should you wish to contact any member of the senior management team please forward all correspondence to Newham Dockside,</p>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Name • Job Title / Position • The Area / Directorate they work in • Work Based Contact Address • Email Address <p>I request that the information be sent to me as a Microsoft Excel document.</p>	<p>1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU. The contact email addresses of council employees are in the following format FirstName.LastName@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Should you require contact with any team within the Council, including Contracts and Procurement, you may call Newham's Contact Centre on 0208 430 2000 and follow the relevant prompts.</p> <p>The full details, including contact details and the responsibilities of Newham Councillors can be located on Newham's website. For your ease of reference, please see below the relevant link</p> <p>http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1</p>
Solicitors	11547	16/12/2011	16/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Contravention Code 21</p> <p>This question relates to London Borough of Newham issuance of PCN's, in particular we are focused on Contravention code 21, this being parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space?</p> <p>We would like to know the following;</p> <p>1. How many PCN's has the council issued for contravention code 21 since the introduction of the Traffic Management Act 2004?</p> <p>2. Of those PCN's, how many vehicles have been clamped,</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below number of PCN's issued for contravention code 21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31/03/2008 to 31/12/2008 = 172 • 01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009 = 321 • 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010 = 777 • 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011 = 1,568 <p>The amount of Highways works in advance of the Olympics has seen a vast increase in suspensions resulting in an increase in PCN's issued to vehicles who park at the suspended locations.</p> <p>2. Newham Council does not clamp vehicles. Please see below figures for removals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31/03/2008 to 31/12/2008 = 6 • 01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009 = 25 • 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010 = 61 • 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011 = 174 <p>3. Please see below guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation time = 2 minutes.

					removed for contravention code 21, since the introduction of Traffic Management A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal = top priority because it relates to cars parked in bays which have been suspended and must remain free of all vehicles. • Suspension sign must be clearly displayed. • Photograph of sign should be taken.
Public	11548	16/12/2011	16/01/2012	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject: Planning applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of current planning applications relating to your Local Planning Authority which, if successful, would result in the development of land on the Metropolitan Green Belt. 2. The number of current planning applications relating to your Local Planning Authority which, if successful, would result in the development of any greenfield site 3. The number of current planning applications relating to your Local Planning Authority which, if successful, would result in the development of any brownfield site 4. The area, in hectares, of each of these sites 5. The location of each site (preferably including latitude and longitude, but other formats would be acceptable) 6. The type of land-use each site will involve (commercial, residential etc) 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are currently no active applications for development on Green Belt land. 2-5. Greenfield and Brownfield are not statutory planning terms and therefore these terms may not specifically be used in classifying and identifying particular land types and previous uses. For example, the general definition of Brownfield land refers to the reuse or development of previously developed land. Therefore it may be considered that all current applications would fall within this general definition. <p>For this reason it is not possible to identify current applications held with Planning which may result in development on any land using such classifications.</p> <p>It may be useful to add that all current active planning applications can be found on the Newham website.</p> <p>This information is available and searchable on our Public Access website: http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningApplications/ViewPlanningandBuildingControlApplicationsOnline.htm</p> <p>There is a search engine on this website where you are able to enter key words such as derelict/industrial/developed land and the system will filter through all our current applications and list any we have dealt with those words in.</p> <p>Each application listed is summarised (e.g. address, description etc)</p>

						<p>including the status of the application (i.e. whether it has been determined or is still undecided."</p> <p>For the reasons given above searches using the key words of Brownfield and Greenfield do not return any applications from this search engine.</p>
Organisation	11564	16/12/2011	16/01/2012	Registrars Service	<p>Subject: Public Health Funerals</p> <p>1. Number of public health funeral cases you have referred, or are due to refer, to the Treasury Solicitor from October 2011 to the date you respond to this letter</p> <p>2. Please could you also provide the following as part of your response:</p> <p>a) Name of the deceased, also maiden name;</p> <p>b) Date and Place of birth;</p> <p>C) Date and Place of Death;</p> <p>d) Last known address for the deceased;</p> <p>e) Whether next of kin have been traced;</p> <p>e) Value of the Estate;</p> <p>f) Date on which referred. Due to be referred to the Treasury Solicitors</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There has been one public health funeral held since October 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 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 http://www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</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 www.gro.gov.uk.</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</p>

					<p>FOIA is equivalent to publishing it “to the world at large” and so our decision must be based on the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect bona vacantia (ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p> <p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a ‘public interest test’ is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough and the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p> <p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding</p>
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Solicitors	11563	15/12/2011	17/01/2012	Land Charge searches	<p>Subject: Authority search</p> <p>1. In reply to a local authority search dated 27 May 2005 (search reference: 0506_02221) relating to Clearun Wharf, Marshgate Lane, Stratford, London E15 (“the Property”) the Council stated in reply to standard enquiries 3.4 and 3.5 that the Property was not located within 200 metres of the centre line of any new road or proposed railway. Please confirm what information was used by the Council to provide that reply.</p> <p>2. Please provide copies of all documents, studies, reports, guidance notes</p> <p>3. The Councils UDP 2001 designates Thornton Fields as MOZ 1 mixed use major opportunity zone – please provide copies of all consultation documents with any other authority, British Rail and all land owners and people affected or potentially affected thereby prior to and following the issuing of the UDP.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. The information used by the Council to provide this reply was sourced from information maintained on the Highways Geographical Information System.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that the computerised system used to respond is an Ordnance Survey base plan with additional information known to the Council added to it. The existing highway boundaries would be supplanted onto the base plan and other major projects known to the Council would be overlaid on the system to provide an overview of matters potentially impacting on a specified location, subject to the search.</p> <p>The highway boundary and rail schemes are on different GIS layers but both would be viewed in the course of searches.</p> <p>2. The Geographical Information System detailed above would be the source of information in completing property searches in respect of rail and road schemes and therefore the further consultation of alternative paper documents would not routinely have been relied upon.</p> <p>3. The outline of the adoption and consultation which was undertaken prior to the implementation of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) is outlined in the attached document.</p> <p>Due to the lapse of time since the original consultation period for the UDP in 1999, we no longer hold this information.</p> <p>It may be useful to note that since the introduction of the UDP in 2001, there have been major changes to the borough’s planning</p>

					<p>policy. The policies within the UDP were revised in September 2007. For further reference, please see the link below http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/UnitaryDevelopmentPlan/default.htm</p> <p>In 2004, changes to the plan-making process were introduced that propose to replace the UDP with the Local Development Framework (LDF). Further information on this can be found on the Newham website at http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/</p> <p>Additionally consultation documents in respect of this may be found on the link below http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/CurrentLDFConsultations.htm</p>
Media	11559	15/12/2011	17/01/2012	<p>Newham Unit for 2012 Games</p> <p>Subject: London 2012 organising committee</p> <p>I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act correspondence to the London 2012 organising committee, Locog on the subject of vehicle or parking permits to be used and/or issued for vehicles accessing either venues or the areas surrounding venues in connection with the 2012 Games.</p> <p>In particular I would like to receive any letters sent in the last three months in which Newham council raises</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence.</p> <p>The actual business rules on who will qualify / not qualify for a permit, whether it be "virtual" one or a paper one, have not yet been decided. A report on this subject will go to Cabinet in the near future.</p>

					concerns about the proposal to use an electronic permit scheme, and the borough's suggestion	
Public	11538	15/12/2011	17/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: PCN's issued between Lord Street and Holt Road E16</p> <p>How many PCN's have been issued on the stretch of road between Lord Street and Holt Road E16</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We can confirm that between 19/07/2011 - 20/10/2011, 19 Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) were issued in Newland Street. Unfortunately our systems do not allow us to identify the exact location of where a PCN is issued on a particular street, therefore this figure is for the complete length of Newland Street and not limited to the section between Lord Street and Holt Road.</p>
Public	11539	15/12/2011	17/01/2012	CYPS - Corporate Parenting	<p>Subject: Budget for Individual Budget Short Break</p> <p>1. I would like to know the exact amount Newham received this year and how much they will receive in the next 3 years.</p> <p>2. I would also like to know how this money is being spent.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. For the financial year 2011/2012 Newham allocated approximately £200,000 to funding short breaks. It should however be added that part of this funding is likely to be rolled over into the Children's Early Intervention Grant to allow for further funding over the next two years.</p> <p>It is not possible to confirm the level of funding for the next three years as this information is not currently known. It may be useful to note that the service are required to submit bids for funding for these projects on an annual basis and therefore future projections are not possible.</p> <p>Further information on the funding received in respect of the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme and the allocation to Short Breaks can be found on the Newham website at the link below. http://www.newham.gov.uk/HealthAndSocialCare/AimingHighforDisabledChildrenprogramme.htm</p> <p>2. Under the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme we</p>

						<p>are currently piloting a short breaks scheme for disabled children, young people and their families living in Newham. We are introducing self directed support and the use of individual budgets to provide early intervention support. The pilot has now been extended until the end of this financial year and we will be reviewing the individual short breaks processes as part of this.</p> <p>The outcome of the review will be shared on the Newham website once it has been completed.</p> <p>Please find attached our statement which details the pilot currently in place and our quest to increase access to short breaks for eligible families.</p> <p>Short breaks are currently offered through a range of weekend and after school activities, overnight and residential activities and family group activities for disabled children and young people and their families. A new tender for group based short breaks is presently open, through which new providers are presently being sought.</p> <p>Further information on current suppliers within Newham can be found on the link below http://www.newham.gov.uk/HealthAndSocialCare/ShortbreaksservicesfundedbyAimingHigh.htm</p> <p>Full information on the Individual Budget Short Breaks Scheme and how to apply are available on the Newham website. For your reference, please see the link below http://www.newham.gov.uk/HealthAndSocialCare/DeliveringShortBreaksthroughIndividualBudgetsPilot.htm</p>
Solicitors	11569	15/12/2011	17/01/2012	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject: Stratford a 2020 Vision</p> <p>1. The Council published a document called Stratford a 2020 Vision (SPG) in 2004. Please provide copies of all consultation documents with</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please find attached requested document. We can confirm that this document was not adopted by the Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance and therefore has no planning status. Relevant documentation can be found via the below link: http://mgov.newham.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=207</p>

					<p>any other authority, British Rail and all land owners and people affected or potentially affected thereby prior to and following the issue of this document.</p> <p>2. In 2004 Ken Livingstone stated that two planning applications had been made, one for the Olympic scenario and the other for a non Olympic scenario. Please provide a copy of the non Olympic plan</p>	<p>Please note that 'Stratford a 2020 vision' has now been superseded by 'the Core Strategy'. There has also been a Stratford Metropolitan Masterplan which has been approved by Cabinet. Consultation documents for these policies can be found via the below link:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/CurrentLDFConsultations.htm</p> <p>2. We were not the Local Planning Authority for applications on the Olympic site, and subsequently we do not hold any relevant information. The Olympic Delivery Authority determined the applications and they should be contacted to request the plans: http://www.london2012.com/about-us/the-people-delivering-the-games/the-olympic-delivery-authority/</p> <p>The Greater London Authority submitted the planning applications so could also be contacted to request information: http://www.london.gov.uk/contact-us-home</p>
Public	11578	15/12/2011	17/01/2012	Finance	<p>Subject: Staff redundancies</p> <p>1. How many staff have been made redundant or are projected to be made redundant by the Council in the following years: 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2014/15?</p> <p>2. What is the council's total budget in the following years: 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 (projected), 2014/15 (projected)?</p> <p>3. Is the Council closing any of</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. A total of 114 employees were made redundant during 2010/2011.</p> <p>In the present financial year (2011/2012) for the last reported period between April and October 2011, a total of 285 employees have been made redundant.</p> <p>No projections have been made in respect of proposed redundancies for future years.</p> <p>2. Please see below the Council's General Revenue Budget for the following years</p> <p>2010/11 - £294.524m</p>

				<p>the following services in the period 2010/11 - 2014/15? Please give details/the total number closed if possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - swimming pools/leisure centres - Sure Start centres - libraries - any other services you are able to provide details on 	<p>2011/12 - £291.448m 2012/13 and 2014/15 - this information is not presently available as work is still in progress to finalise the revenue budgets for future years.</p> <p>3. Swimming Pools/Leisure Centres The main swimming pool at Atherton Leisure Centre was closed in May 2011 and the teaching pool at the end of December 2011. However, Atherton Leisure Centre remains open at the current time offering health and fitness and free-weights facilities. The council is currently consulting local residents on the future of the centre. Further information on this consultation process may be found on the Newham website on the link below http://www.newham.gov.uk/entertainmentandleisure/leisurecentres/athertonleisurecentre.htm There are no current plans to close any swimming pools/leisure centres in Newham.</p> <p>Sure Start Centres There have been no closures of Sure Start children's centres in the specified period – since 2010. There are no current plans to close any Children's Centres in the borough.</p> <p>Libraries Newham is presently investing in our libraries and we are currently in the middle of a major refurbishment programme. At present Stratford Library and the Beckton Globe are temporarily closed whilst they are undergoing renovation work. As part of our commitment to providing better facilities we are investing £2.2 million in upgrading Stratford Library and together with improvements to the Beckton Globe, these changes will make the use of our library facilities much easier and enjoyable for our residents. The newly refurbished Canning Town Library is now open and with the launch of the greatly enhanced Stratford and Beckton</p>
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						libraries in Spring 2012, Newham is committed to providing our residents with first class library facilities. There are no current plans to close any libraries in the borough.
Public	11555	19/12/2011	17/01/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Schools in borough</p> <p>A list of all primary schools, secondary schools, Pupil Referral Units/Special Educational Needs schools, and local authority nurseries in the local authority area, plus a contact email address for each.</p> <p>With primary and secondary schools, this request is limited to those schools that are in receipt of Dedicated Schools Grant from the local authority.</p> <p>The contact email address could be either a generic public enquiries address, the email address for the school secretary, or in the absence of either, the email address for the head teacher.</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.</p> <p>Section 21 of the Act contains an exemption for information which is reasonably accessible by other means.</p> <p>The list of schools found in the borough can be found on the Newham website, please see the link below</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolsDirectory/?wbc_purpose=Basic&WBCMODE=PresentationUnpublished</p> <p>This list of schools includes those in receipt of the Dedicated Schools Grant from the local authority.</p> <p>This list also includes the addresses and contact email addresses for each school, together with their websites.</p>
Public	11558	19/12/2011	17/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject: Operational guidance to officers</p> <p>I require a copy of any operational guidance that is issued to officers of the council (or its contractors) with regard</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the requested document issued to officers, providing guidance on the processing and consideration of challenges received in respect of Penalty Charge Notices and at Notice to Owner stage.</p>

					to the consideration of challenges made against the issue of penalty charge notices and representations made against notices to owners issued in the course of the decriminalised enforcement of parking and traffic contraventions.	
Public	11546	19/12/2011	17/01/2012	Mayoral Support Team	<p>Subject: Mayoral allowance</p> <p>I would like to know what the complete allowance package for the elected Mayor of Newham is. I.e. we know he gets eighty odd thousand pounds, use of the car pool and driver/vehicle. What other allowances are available to him?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Mayor receives remuneration of £81,029 per annum. This package is in line with the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel which reviews councillors' remuneration across London.</p> <p>The Mayor, along with all other Councillors, are entitled to claim travelling and subsistence allowances, when performing Council duties, as set out in the Council's Constitution. However, the Mayor has not made any claims for these expenses. He also has access to the Council's Superannuation Scheme.</p> <p>The Mayor has access to a Council car and driver for civic occasions, which is used infrequently.</p> <p>The Member Allowances scheme can be accessed at http://www.newham.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/1767252D-8F4E-444F-ABE8-B6754C991963/0/newformatconstitutionoctober2010.doc#MembAllow</p> <p>The amount of allowances claimed by the Mayor and councillors can be accessed at http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/YourRepresentatives/TheMayorandCouncillorsallowances.htm</p>

Organisation	11396	30/11/2011	18/01/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Substance Misuse Support Service Providers</p> <p>1. Names of the statutory; third sector/ voluntary and; private suppliers who provide substance use/misuse services specifically for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tier 1: Advice and Information - Tier 2: Harm Minimisation, Blood Borne Virus Testing and Treatment, Needle and Syringe Exchange, Single Point of Entry/Access (or Local Area Single Assessment and Referral Service) - Tier 3: Shared Care, Structured Psychosocial Interventions, Counselling, Structured Day Programmes, Substitute Prescribing, Recovery Services - Tier 4: Community Detoxification and/or Rehabilitation, Residential Detoxification and/or Rehabilitation Alcohol Brief Interventions, Alcohol Structured Treatment - Criminal Justice Services including Drug Intervention Programmes (DIP), Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR), Alcohol Treatment 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1 & 2) Please see below information regarding tier 2-4 suppliers. Please note Tier 1 (advice and guidance) are included in tiers 2&3 services. The public can find advice and Information via the below website:</p> <p>http://adultsocialcare.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Where-to-go-if-there-is-a-problem.aspx</p> <p>Tier 2- 3 treatment Harm Minimisation, Blood Borne Virus Testing and Treatment, Needle and Syringe Exchange, Advice and Information, Substitute Prescribing, ELFT – East London Foundation Trust 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012 (1 year) Block Contract £2,121,120</p> <p>Assessment and Referral Service Foundation66 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012 (1 year) Block Contract £444,697</p> <p>Recovery Services Foundation66 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012 (1 year) Block Contract £162,847</p> <p>Community Alcohol Team & Aftercare Service - Alcohol Brief Interventions, Alcohol Structured Treatment DASL – Drug and Alcohol Services for London April 1st 2011 – March 31st 2012 (1 year)</p>
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				<p>Requirements (ATR).</p> <p>2. What contracts are in place for each of the above? Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual value and contract spend to date for each - Are they sole supply or framework? - Start date of contract for each - End date of contract for each and any extension arrangements in place - Who in the Trust is responsible for Commissioning this service (name and title?) 	<p>£620,120</p> <p>Structured Day Programmes, Counselling DASL – Drug and Alcohol Services for London April 1st 2011 – March 31st 2012 (1 year) £347,144</p> <p>Criminal Justice Services including Drug Intervention Programmes (DIP), LBN Adult Services internal service (in-house) No contract Approximately £1.6 million – including DRR and Arrest Referral Service</p> <p>Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR) DASL – Drug and Alcohol Services for London April 1st 2011 – March 31st 2012 (1 year) Block Contract £156,00</p> <p>Arrest Referral Service (including Alcohol Treatment Requirements) Westminster Drug Project April 1st 2011 – March 31st 2012 (1 year) Block Contract £475,294</p> <p>Shared Care No contract currently</p> <p>Tier 4: Rehabilitation, Residential Detoxification and/or Rehabilitation No contracts in place purchase on spot basis Grieg House Cranstoun</p>
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Business	11560	17/12/2011	18/01/2012	Corporate Contracts	<p>Subject: Grounds Maintenance and Arboriculture Contracts</p> <p>Please could you provide me with the Management Type, Current Contractor (if applicable), Contract Description, Contract Start Dare, Contract Expiry Date and Contact Value Per Annum</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Management Type: Contract is managed by Greenspace (part of the council's Environment Dept) Current Contractor: Serco Contract Description: Grounds maintenance of parks & open spaces, housing estates and highway verges. Includes maintenance of grass, trees, planted areas and sports pitches; waste management and toilet cleaning in parks; inspection and maintenance of play equipment. Contract Start Date: January 2009. Contract Expiry Date: January 2014 with a possible 5 year extension. Contact Value Per Annum: £5.34Million (2010/11)</p>
Business	11544	19/12/2011	18/01/2012	Planning Application & Enforcement	<p>Subject: Planning enforcement investigations on colleges</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a</p>

					<p>Please provide all information on current planning enforcement investigations on colleges deemed to be operating without planning permission (I believe that there are 32 at the moment).</p>	<p>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>This information can be researched on our database which is publically available and searchable on the Newham website via the statutory public planning register:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/planning/</p>																
Public	11571	19/12/2011	18/01/2012	Corporate Contracts	<p>Subject: Contracts for Private Hire Cars and Courier Services</p> <p>Please can you send me the following details relating to the Councils use of Private Hire Cars and Courier Services?</p> <p>Private Hire Current Providers Spend with the council (excluding SEN contracts which include assistants) End date of contract Contract Rates</p> <p>Courier Current Providers Spend with the council End date of the contract</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Private Hire Taxis</p> <p>The 2010-11 spend for all trips with taxi companies on the corporate contract was:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Com Cabs</td> <td>86,413</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sayers</td> <td>131,994</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newham</td> <td>347,797</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LadyCars</td> <td>60,636</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fox</td> <td>157,073</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Station</td> <td>3,454</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Goldline</td> <td>22,025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£809,391</td> </tr> </table> <p>This contract is currently being re-tendered for award of a new contract around June 2012 for a four year period.</p>	Com Cabs	86,413	Sayers	131,994	Newham	347,797	LadyCars	60,636	Fox	157,073	Station	3,454	Goldline	22,025	Total	£809,391
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					<p>Contract Rates</p> <p>The above figures include use of taxis by children and vulnerable/disabled adults which account for around 80% of the overall spend. We are unable to provide breakdown of the spend without exceeding 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>Courier Services</p> <p>The contract for the Courier Services is currently with three Contractors and runs until November 2014, please see approximate spend per annum:</p> <p>Black Cat Couriers approx. £30,000pa City Sprint approx. £10,000pa Excel Couriers approx. £20,000 pa</p> <p>Please see below link to the Council's website where you can find details of expenditure over £500: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/financialmanagementaccountancyandpensions/paymentstosuppliers.htm</p>	
Business	11541	20/12/2011	18/01/2012	Crime & Anti Social Behaviour	<p>Subject: Noise nuisance</p> <p>I would like to know if any complaints of noise nuisance have been received by the</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>No noise complaints were received regarding any of these premises.</p>

					<p>Council in respect of the following premises since 1 January 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Firawami, 76 Woodgrange Road, E7 0EN - Forest Gate Food and Wine (Hare Wines), 90 Woodgrange Road, E7 0EW - Osiedlak (Polish Delicatessen), 79a Woodgrange Road, E7 0EP - Vasara Polish Supermarket, 171 Forest Lane, E7 9BB - Zaga Supermarket, 12-14 Woodford Road, E7 0HA 																																						
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				10) How many passed with A*/A grades?	28	64.3 92.9 100.0			
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				12) How many passed at all?	14	85.7 100.0 100.0			
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				14) How many passed with A*/A grades?	313	25.8 61.8 99.7			
				15) How many passed with A*-C grades?					
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Public	11573	23/12/2011	18/01/2012	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Housing and Council Tax Benefits</p> <p>I would like to know the sliding scale for a person about to claim housing and council tax benefits when they have £7K capital. I know that a contribution is required from the applicant if their capital is between £16K and £3K.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>This will depend on whether or not the individual or their partner has reached the age for qualifying for State Pension Credit. If they have reached State Pension Credit age then capital of £7,000 would not have any effect on the amount of housing or council tax benefit they receive as this lower capital limit for this group is currently £10,000.</p> <p>If they are below this age, the lower limit is currently £6,000. The £1,000 held above this level would generate £4 weekly tariff income (£1 for each £250) to be taken into account in working out entitlement to housing or council tax benefit. For housing benefit this would mean a contribution from the individual of £2.60 per week and for council tax benefit a contribution of £0.80.</p>									
Public	11543	19/12/2011	19/01/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: HR appointments</p> <p>Could you please verify that the following appointments (listed below) went through the usual LBN HR recruitment processes?</p> <p>(I have included pay numbers to help with this analysis)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Pay Number</td> <td>Start Date</td> <td>Job Title</td> </tr> <tr> <td>231689</td> <td>19/05/98</td> <td>Financial Advisor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>242686</td> <td>03/12/01</td> <td>Business Efficiency</td> </tr> </table>	Pay Number	Start Date	Job Title	231689	19/05/98	Financial Advisor	242686	03/12/01	Business Efficiency	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council's Retention Policy for recruitment documentation is six months beyond the date of the interview. Therefore we no longer hold information in respect of the full recruitment processes through which each of these posts underwent. Information that we have been able to locate is listed below:</p> <p>Financial Advisor – start date 19.05.1998 We no longer hold the recruitment file dating back to 1998</p> <p>Business Efficiency Advisor – start date 03.12.2001 This position was filled through an internal change management process which resulted in the revision of the contract for this role.</p> <p>Financial Projects Manager – start date during 2007</p>
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Organisa tion	11684	20/12/2011	19/01/2012	<p>Electoral Registration</p> <p>Subject: Electoral registration</p> <p>1. How much was spent/is projected to be spent for electoral registration and electoral services within your authority. Where any shared-</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. How much was spent/is projected to be spent for electoral registration and electoral services within your authority. Where any shared-services exist with neighbouring authorities please express your authorities' share of that collective spends. In order to provide</p>

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Solicitors	11610	04/01/2012	19/01/2012	Legal Services	<p>Subject : Legal Fees</p> <p>Advise for period stated 10.12.10 to 03.01.11</p> <p>1. How much was spent on legal fees by LBN in legal representation/advising of Sir Robin?</p> <p>2. How many external counsels have been instructed and fees?</p> <p>3. Please provide copies of correspondence.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The London Borough of Newham is not aware of any proceedings in the High Court for defamation for the dates stated in your request.</p> <p>Therefore, no information is available to respond to Questions 1 to 4.</p>
Public	11553	20/12/2011	20/01/2012	Housing Options Centre	<p>Subject: Homeless people in B&B</p> <p>1. Could you let me know how much the council has spent on accommodating statutory homeless people in B&B and hotel accommodation in (i)</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see below the annual Council spend on accommodating local people whom we have accepted a statutory duty to house.</p> <p>The annual figures with regards to spend in the Temporary Accommodation service are recorded by financial year as opposed to calendar.</p>

				<p>2010 and (ii) 2011?</p> <p>2. Has the council had to resort to using hotels to accommodate the statutory homeless in 2010 or 2011? If so, could you let me know: (a) which hotels you have used, (b) How many statutory homeless have been accommodated in hotels in (i) 2010 and (ii) 2011? Please clarify if you are referring to households or people.</p> <p>3. What is the most the council has had to pay per night for B&B or hotel accommodation in this regard in 2010 or 2011?</p>	<table> <tr> <td>2009/2010</td> <td>-</td> <td>£4,687,255.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/2011</td> <td>-</td> <td>£7,359,095.95</td> </tr> </table> <p>It is anticipated that the total spend in the present financial year 2011/2012 is likely to be in the same region as the 2010/2011 annual spend.</p> <p>2. In an effort to provide emergency housing to local people whom have been assessed as being statutory homeless, the Council have been required to provide urgent accommodation in hotels. It should be noted that in an effort to reduce costs on providing housing the Council use a number of different forms of emergency accommodation. In the provision of urgent nightly accommodation we use bed and breakfast providers and additionally private annexed properties for families. Every effort is made to accommodate those whom are homeless in alternative properties before the Council would resort to using hotel accommodation. However on occasions where local people have presented themselves having being street homeless and without housing for that same night, the Council has been forced to provide emergency accommodation in hotels. The Council have used hotel accommodation in both 2010 and 2011 in the interim period before more cost effective forms of housing may be found for the residents, usually in the form of temporary accommodation or allocation into a privately rented property through the Council's Bond Scheme.</p> <p>(a) 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>	2009/2010	-	£4,687,255.29	2010/2011	-	£7,359,095.95
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						<p>report the total numbers of homeless people whom were temporarily housed in hotel accommodation as the different forms of housing are not broken down further on our systems other than defined as emergency accommodation.</p> <p>In order to retrieve this information an officer would need to interrogate each of the homeless applicant files individually, which are in excess of 1000 for each year, to be able to identify exactly the address of the emergency accommodation was provided to the resident and clarify the type of accommodation at that address to determine as to whether this was hotel accommodation was provided. This manual search 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>3. The most the Council has paid for emergency accommodation in 2010 or 2011 for any one night was £85.</p>
Public	11568	22/12/2011	20/01/2012	Parking Design	<p>Subject : CPZ Consultation</p> <p>Can you tell me when it was decided to make the wall end CPZ permanent and what consultation was undertaken</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The East Ham RPZ extension (previously known as Wall End CPZ) was introduced on an experimental basis as of 20th September 2010. The scheme is operational and is not yet made permanent. The Council followed the due legal process and introduced the scheme after two sets of public consultation exercises prior to</p>

						<p>September 2010.</p> <p>We placed on-street posters of the public consultation and contact details and notified people of the drop-in sessions. Also the Council had drop-in sessions for people to attend and ask officers any related questions. The Council made minor changes to the scheme since the implementation date. The Council is now considering whether to make the scheme permanent. If the Council does make a decision to make the scheme permanent it would follow the set Statutory Consultation procedure, and make the necessary legal Notices.</p>																																																																	
Public	11566	22/12/2011	20/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject : Revenue from Parking Fines</p> <p>what is the yearly total revenue the council has received in parking fines for the previous 3 years(broken down by year)</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2008/09</th> <th>2009/10</th> <th>2010/11</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bus Lane Income</td> <td>£646,772.36</td> <td></td> <td>£240,978.75</td> <td>£280,339.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£1,168,090.91</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CCTV Income</td> <td>£3,313,434.17</td> <td></td> <td>£2,790,371.74</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£3,406,094.43</td> <td></td> <td>£9,509,900.34</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MTC Income</td> <td>£1,273,136.50</td> <td></td> <td>£1,080,202.21</td> <td>£767,128.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£3,120,467.34</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>On Street Income</td> <td>£2,946,650.90</td> <td></td> <td>£3,855,590.02</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£4,310,942.89</td> <td></td> <td>£11,113,183.81</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Off Street Income</td> <td></td> <td>£190,951.21</td> <td></td> <td>£236,824.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£291,564.41</td> <td></td> <td>£719,340.40</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£8,370,945.14</td> <td></td> <td>£8,203,967.50</td> <td>£9,056,070.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£25,630,982.80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total	Bus Lane Income	£646,772.36		£240,978.75	£280,339.80			£1,168,090.91			CCTV Income	£3,313,434.17		£2,790,371.74			£3,406,094.43		£9,509,900.34		MTC Income	£1,273,136.50		£1,080,202.21	£767,128.63		£3,120,467.34				On Street Income	£2,946,650.90		£3,855,590.02			£4,310,942.89		£11,113,183.81		Off Street Income		£190,951.21		£236,824.78		£291,564.41		£719,340.40		Total	£8,370,945.14		£8,203,967.50	£9,056,070.16					£25,630,982.80
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Media	11562	21/12/2011	23/01/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Asbestos</p> <p>1. Has your organisation done an audit of asbestos in the schools in your area? if so, when was this done?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Has your organisation done an audit of asbestos in the schools in your area? If so, when was this done?</p> <p>Each school under Newham's control has had an asbestos management survey carried out on site. The asbestos management</p>																																																																	

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					<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 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 that works in areas with asbestos containing materials is 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 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. 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>http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolsDirectory/default.htm</p> <p>4. Has a cost analysis been done to estimate the cost of any refurbishment/replacement of schools requiring treatment of asbestos? If so, please would you provide a copy?</p> <p>There has not been a cost analysis completed for the specific school refurbishment / replacement of areas affected by asbestos.</p> <p>5. What is your organisation's policy on informing parents of the</p>
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						<p>presence of asbestos in the schools that their children attend?</p> <p>It should be confirmed that any asbestos containing materials (ACMs) in a school which are correctly managed, should pose minimal risk to pupils.</p> <p>It is recognised that information should be provided to those whom may be at risk if they were not aware. However, this would normally be contractors and others whom may in the course of their activities disturb ACMs.</p> <p>The Council Asbestos Management Policy and Procedures states asbestos management plans will be held on premises and brought to the attention of every person liable to come into contact with ACMs within the premises. Additionally all staff and anyone intending to carry out work on the premises must be informed that the premises contain (or may contain) ACMs and a copy of the premises asbestos management plan made available to them in order that they are made aware of the location and condition of these materials.</p> <p>Therefore, although there is no specific policy relating to parents, detailed guidance is extended from the Local Authority to schools on managing asbestos. Schools are required to make asbestos management plans available to view, should any parent wish to do so.</p>
Public	11540	21/12/2011	23/01/2012	Traffic Regulations	<p>Subject: Resident parking permit signs</p> <p>I request details of the date when the resident parking permit signs were erected along the section of road behind the DLR platforms (opposite the private car park for the</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold the information you have requested.</p> <p>We have consulted the relevant teams within the Council – Parking Design, Parking Enforcement and Housing Management Services – and we have been unable to locate any records of the dates for when these signs were placed at the stated location.</p>

					residential tower blocks) in Gibbins Road, Stratford, E15.	
Public	11576	21/12/2011	23/01/2012	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject: Correspondence regarding preparation for the Olympics.</p> <p>I am writing to request the following information regarding preparation for the Olympics under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>- A copy of any letters and/or emails sent from the Chief Executive of the Council and/or the Leader of the Council in the last 12 months to the Department for Communities and Local Government and/or the Department for Culture Media and Sport regarding preparation for the Olympics.</p> <p>If it is easier, I am happy to receive any correspondence between the people above containing the key word "Olympics"</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We do not hold any letters or emails exchanged between the Chief Executive or the Leader of the Council (Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham) and the Department for Communities and Local Government or the Department for Culture, Media and Sport regarding the Olympics, sent or received in the last twelve months.</p>
Organisation	11572	22/12/2011	23/01/2012	Highway Maintenance	<p>Subject: Roadwork's and street works</p> <p>1. Does the Council publish roadworks and street works</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Yes. The Council does publish road and street works information via the internet.</p>

				<p>information via the web? (As defined by e-Government directive G14, Traffic management Act 2004 and subsequent Open Data policies.)</p> <p>If so:</p> <p>2. Please confirm how often the data is updated and in what format it is published (basic list or map). Please provide the URL where this information is published.</p> <p>3. Please confirm which data fields are published (e.g. Works Location, Dates, Works Description, Works Promoter, etc.)</p> <p>4. Does the Council release the data in electronic format for re-use under an Open Government Licence or equivalent? If so, please confirm whether this is provided direct or from a third party provider. Please provide details of the API or other data update mechanism. Please confirm any applicable charges for this service.</p>	<p>2. Local information is available centrally through Transport for London's, London Works system. This information is map and list based and the information processed locally is uploaded within thirty minutes of logging on the system. Please see the relevant link below to the Transport for London, London Works site. http://public.londonworks.gov.uk/roadworks/home</p> <p>Locally, Newham also has a link to a spreadsheet detailing road closures and restrictions within the borough. This is available on the Newham website on the link below http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/StreetsAndPavements/CurrentRoadDisruptionsInNewham.htm</p> <p>3. As previously stated the London Works system (Transport for London) site holds works information in either list or map format. The website also has a search facility which allows residents to find street or road works by street, location or borough. The available data fields used for this search engine are date, postcode, street name, borough and works owner. http://public.londonworks.gov.uk/roadworks/home</p> <p>4. The Council does release Roadwork's data in electronic format for re-use in conformance with its obligations under Open Data. A data feed is provided by our system to TfL's London Works conforming to the Open Government License. For further details refer to: - http://public.londonworks.gov.uk/roadworks/home;jsessionid=0aeae16430d6f503eb7465e54d38b162ed128380129d.e34NaxyLchaMci0LaxuPb3yOch4Re0</p> <p>This information is free and available to the public and any third parties through a link provided on the Newham Council website to London Works.</p>
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						http://www.newham.gov.uk/ParkingAndTransport/StreetsAndPavements/CurrentRoadDisruptionsInNewham.htm
Organisation	11628	22/12/2011	23/01/2012	CYPS - Safeguarding Assessment	<p>Subject : Childcare Costs</p> <p>List of questions requested in relation to the average costs of childcare in the borough. Information should be held by Family Information Service as data required through regulations attached to the Childcare Act 2006.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below average costs as requested:</p> <p>1a) Maintained, Under 2s, 25 Charged hours = £97 1b) Private, Voluntary or Independent (PVI), Under 2s, 25 Charged hours = £95 1c) Maintained, Over 2, 25 hours charged = £78 1d) PVI, Over 2, 25 hours charged = £85</p> <p>2) Most expensive PVI nursery, 25 hours, charged = £119</p> <p>3) Average cost of Out Of School Club, 15 hours, charged = £48</p> <p>4a) Childminder, under 2, 25 hours charged = £71 4b) Childminder, over 2, 25 hours charged = £71</p> <p>5) According to the latest data available, taking the borough as a whole :</p> <p>0-5s - Childcare availability for under 5s is lower than the outer London average, but setting occupancy is at about the national average.</p> <p>5-8s - There is higher than the outer London average availability of childcare for this age range</p> <p>8 Plus - There is a low level of formal childcare for children over 8. There has been growth in free play availability recently with 23 sites being developed over the 2009-11 period and the development of dedicated play team</p>

						<p>Disability - Evidence indicates a low awareness of childcare available to disabled children. Settings are supported to be inclusive and be able to offer services to disabled children.</p> <p>Parents working full time - There are sufficient services.</p> <p>Parents working outside of normal hours -There are not considered to be sufficient services.</p> <p>6) Have parents voiced a lack of childcare in your area in the past 12 months? There is no collected evidence that indicates parents have concerns about lack of childcare in the borough at the moment.</p> <p>7) Do you have enough suitable early education places for future 2 year olds? No there will need to be a major expansion.</p>
Public	11556	22/12/2011	23/01/2012	Animal Welfare	<p>Subject: Stray dogs</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request some information relating to stray dogs.</p> <p>Can you tell me the number of stray dogs that have been 1) Collected by wardens. 2) Reunited with owners. 3) Euthanized. 4) Claimed by rescue centres. 5) Claimed by other individuals/centres.</p> <p>Can you break this down by year for the last five years? If possible can you also break it</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below the requested information in respect of the number of strays dogs which have been dealt with by Council services, under the headings you requested.</p> <p>Please note the requested information has not been recorded by month and therefore the information has been broken down by year for the last five years, as you requested.</p> <p>Additionally, the information we have recorded over the past five years is not broken down by the headings you have detailed by rescue centre or individuals or other centres. Aside from being reunited with owners or euthanized, our records only show that those dogs remaining were re-housed by alternative means. Whilst this would have primarily been through either transfer to rescue centres or through being rehoused, the information held is not specific to the headings you have requested. We have therefore</p>

				<p>down by month?</p> <p>If you have a record of the type of dog in each circumstance please can you include details of that also?</p>	<p>joined the two headings 4 and 5 together to provide you with the figures we have recorded.</p> <p>2011-2012 - up to and including the 30th of November 2011</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 180 dogs collected by wardens 2. 69 reunited with owners 3. 61 euthanized 4-5. 50 re-housed by other means <p>2010-2011</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 294 dogs collected by wardens 2. 113 reunited with owners 3. 61 euthanized 4-5. 120 re-housed by other means <p>2009-2010</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 278 dogs collected by wardens 2. 100 reunited with owners 3. 45 euthanized 4-5. 133 re-housed by other means <p>2008-2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 242 dogs collected by wardens 2. 118 reunited with owners 3. 48 euthanized 4-5. 76 re-housed by other means <p>2007-2008</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 86 dogs collected by wardens 2. 46 reunited with owners 3. 14 euthanized 4-5. 26 re-housed by other means <p>We do not record the type/breed of dog in our records.</p>
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Public	11590	28/12/2011	24/01/2012	Information Governance (DP, FOI, EIR & RM)	<p>Subject: No next of kin</p> <p>My last FOI request was sent 25/8/11.</p> <p>I would like information about any person who has died with no living blood relatives being known when they died, from the above date to the date of your response. If a person died before the above date, but the information was not sent in your previous reply to me, could you also include same?</p> <p>In particular: The date(s) they passed away. Their addresses at death. Their forenames, or initials, plus Surnames. The date(s) on which information was referred to the Treasury Solicitor. Please also advise if you have yet to refer the information above, or a decision is still pending.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There has been one person whom has passed away without any known relatives since the response to your last Freedom of Information request was sent to you on 22nd September 2011. 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 requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</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 www.gro.gov.uk</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	11585	28/12/2011	24/01/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject : Staff Grading/ Bonus Payments</p> <p>1. Could you please provide me</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We do not make bonus payments to staff. It may be useful to note that there are various allowances and pay</p>

					<p>with the total bonus payments made by the authority, listed by grade and the number of Full Time Equivalent staff (FTE) employed on that grade.</p> <p>2. I would also like a list of grades and respective salary ranges.</p> <p>Please provide the information by financial year (01/04/YY to 31/03/YY). I would be grateful if you could provide the information in Microsoft excel format.</p>	<p>enhancements which may be available to some staff, especially in hard to fill posts. However these cannot be accurately or fairly defined as bonuses as they form part of the original recruitment package.</p> <p>2. Please find attached the list of grades and salary ranges for officer and senior management posts within the Council.</p>
Organisation	11588	28/12/2011	24/01/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject: Home educated children</p> <p>Please could you tell me how many children in your authority were listed as being home educated in 2010 and in 2011.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>In 2010 we have a total of 94 students being listed as being home educated.</p> <p>In 2011 we have a total of 124 students being listed as being home educated.</p>
Public	11589	29/12/2011	24/01/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Recruitment Freeze</p> <p>(1) Does the council currently have a recruitment freeze - a moratorium?</p> <p>(2) If there is one, could you tell me please, how long has this recruitment freeze been in place and when it might be lifted?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Newham Council does presently have a resource moratorium in place. This means that managers must submit business cases to a panel to consider their resourcing needs. Recruitment will be processed giving priority to internal redeployed and then posts advertised council wide prior to any external advertising.</p> <p>2. This moratorium has been operational since June 2010 and remains under review. With the significant change currently taking</p>

					<p>(3) Could you tell me if there have been any previous recruitment moratoriums by Newham council in the last 10 years - say from the 1st January 2002?</p> <p>(4) If there has been any such recruitment moratoriums since 01/01/2002 could you give me please the start dates and end dates of any such recruitment freezes?</p>	<p>place affecting staffing, it is likely this will continue for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>3. There have been a number of occasions when recruitment has been under control mechanisms although we would not describe these as recruitment freezes.</p> <p>4. Controlled recruitment has been in place in 2006 and 2008 when the Council commenced its savings programmes. Unfortunately there have been no recorded end dates to these recruitment controls. However it would be right to assume that since 2006 we have had measures in place where external recruitment is under tight control.</p>
Public	11582	28/12/2011	25/01/2012	Parking Design	<p>Subject : Installation of Yellow Lines</p> <p>Please could you provide the relevant information that relates to the legal addition of Double yellow lines to Dockland Street and Brixham Street E16.</p> <p>As clarification, I am after the consultation documents which a council must make the affected residents aware of for the impending addition of Double yellow lines.</p> <p>The dates relevant would also be very helpful as well i.e. Consultation period and also the date when the lines were added.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The installation was a variation to Traffic Order (attached) that was already in place for the Cross rail works. It was required to be effective immediately due to the London Fire Brigades concerns about access into an area.</p> <p>The existing Albert Road has been closed off for major sewer and other works and a new section of carriageway constructed just south of the original one. This has resulted in some roads, directly linked to Albert Road, being closed.</p> <p>The attached variation Order has been advertised in the local paper and London Gazette. Cross rail also state that they have delivered letters to the houses affected.</p> <p>The restrictions are likely to be removed in May 2012 when the works are completed.</p>

Public	11587	28/12/2011	25/01/2012	Disabled People & Young People Service	<p>Subject : Short Breaks Services Statement</p> <p>I would like to have a copy of Newham’s core short break offer as per new legislation: A local authority must, by 1st October 2011, prepare a statement for carers in their area (a “short breaks services statement”) setting out details of—</p> <p>(a) The range of services provided in accordance with regulation 4.</p> <p>(b) Any criteria by which eligibility for those services will be assessed.</p> <p>(C) How the range of services is designed to meet the needs of carers in their area.</p> <p>(2) The local authority must publish their short breaks services statement, including by placing a copy of the statement on their website.</p> <p>(3) The local authority must keep their short breaks services statement under review and, where appropriate, revise the statement.</p> <p>(4) In preparing and revising</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council is planning to publish this information on its website on, or soon after 31st January 2012. http://www1.newham.gov.uk/Pages/default.aspx</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>We believe that it will be in the interest of the public to release the correct information. Therefore, the information requested is exempt under section 22(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Premature release of the information in advance of the due date for publication is not in the public interest because the information is subject to approval before publication.</p>
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					their statement, the local authority must have regard to the views of carers in their area.	
Media	11595	03/01/2012	25/01/2012	Housing Benefit Service	<p>Subject: Cuts to Housing Benefit</p> <p>I would like to request the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many households does the borough estimate will be affected by the cuts to housing benefit that come into effect this month? 2. Has the borough booked temporary accommodation inside the borough for claimants likely to be made homeless or evicted or forced to move as a result of the cuts? 3. Has the borough booked temporary accommodation outside of the borough for claimants likely to be made homeless or evicted or forced to move as a result of the cuts? 	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are only able to provide figures for those households that have had the anniversary of their claim for benefit between 1st April 2011 and 31st December 2011. For this group, 1,495 households will be affected by the change in LHA (Local Housing Allowance) from 50% to 30% and 409 by the change to age limit to 35 for the Shared Accommodation Rate. The date they will be affected depends on the anniversary date of their claim but will fall between January 2012 and September 2012. 2. No, Newham Council has not pre-booked any accommodation for people likely to be affected 3. Please see above.
Public	11597	03/01/2012	25/01/2012	Rent Service (Current Arrears Only)	<p>Subject : Total Receipts of Rent</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The profit or loss made from Council rental properties owned 	<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</p>

					<p>by Newham Council or if necessary the profit or loss made before the homes were transferred to Newham Homes.</p> <p>Please take into account the costs for maintaining the homes but exclude costs for placing people into properties.</p>	<p>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>This information is available on the Council's website. Please see link below. Statements of Accounts 2010-2011 can be found on pages 93 to 95:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/StatementofAccounts.htm</p>
Organisation	11626	04/01/2012	25/01/2012	Adult Services (FOI)	<p>Subject : Adult Services Systems</p> <p>Adult Social Care Information Management System (i.e. SWIFT, Framework, CareFirst)</p> <p>Please can you confirm how long your current system has been in use?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Adult Services use CareFirst. This system has been in use since 1999.</p>
Public	11606	04/01/2012	25/01/2012	Communications/Press office/publicity	<p>Subject: Celebrity appearances</p> <p>I would like details about 'celebrity' appearances at council-run talks, events, conferences, dinners etc over the last five years.</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</p>

				<p>This covers both internal private events (for example motivational talks for staff) and public events (e.g. opening of a new swimming pool Etc). These examples are not supposed to be exhaustive list of all events where special guests may have been hired.</p> <p>I want the information dating back to January 1, 2007 and I am only after instances where a fee was paid.</p> <p>Please state:</p> <p>1) The date and type of event that the special guest was invited to (the list of examples above is not supposed to be an exhaustive list)</p> <p>2) The name of the 'celebrity'. Celebrity is any speaker who was paid a fee to attend – from motivational speakers through to Big Brother 'stars', war veterans and other notable people. An example of the type</p>	<p>to apply.</p> <p>We have previously received requests regarding 'Celebrity Appearances', all responses are published on the Council's Disclosure Log. Please see link below:</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/freedomofinformation/freedomofinformationrequestsandresponses.htm</p> <p>For your convenience please find references below that may be of interest to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S11359 • S8982 • S8898 • S8858 • S7260 • S5256
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Public	11635	05/01/2012	25/01/2012	Newham Homes	<p>Subject : Fire Risk Assessment Request</p> <p>Please kindly provide by e-mail the fire risk assessment for Rowland Court, E16 4HY</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the current Fire Risk Assessment for Rowland Court, which includes flat 10. Flat 10 have been identified as requiring the flat front door to be upgraded to an FD30s (Fire Door minimum of 30 minutes resistance with smoke seals).</p>
Public	11640	06/01/2012	25/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject : Parking Fines</p> <p>For the period 1st January 2011 to 30 June 2011 please tell me:</p> <p>1. How many traffic penalty notices were issued in Eric Clarke Lane, IG11</p> <p>2. How many of this penalty notices issued were appealed, and the final outcome of those</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. How many traffic penalty notices were issued in Eric Clarke Lane, IG11? Answer: 42 PCN's were issued.</p> <p>2. How many of this penalty notices issued were appealed, and the final outcome of those appeals where available. Answer: 1 appeal made - still awaiting the outcome.</p>

					appeals where available.	
Business	11648	06/01/2012	25/01/2012	Business Rates	<p>Subject: Business Rates</p> <p>This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and further to a decision of the Information Tribunal in England and the London Borough of Bexley v Information Commissioner 2007.</p> <p>In accordance with the above, I hereby request a list of Business Rates accounts that meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current overpayment/credit shown for any financial year if credit balance hasn't been carried forward 2. Accounts where a 'write on' has been used since 1st April 2000 to cancel an overpayment which has not since been reversed <p>I would request that the list contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratepayer name * • Address of property concerned • Amount of overpayment/write on • If possible, the period/financial year relating to 	<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:</p> <p>“41. (1) Information is exempt information if –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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>(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</p> <p>This information is also exempt under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law Enforcement. This exemption applies 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</p>

					<p>overpayment/credit/write on</p> <p>*Information is only requested where the ratepayer is a company and not an individual as I appreciate this is limited by the Data Protection Acts.</p>	<p>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	11650	09/01/2012	25/01/2012	Registrars Service	<p>Subject: No next of kin</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I write to request the following: The names of all Public Health Funerals/ bona vacantia estates passed or in the process of being referred i.e. pending referral to The Treasury Solicitor (BV) Department or Duchy of Lancaster within the last 7 weeks. This is a request for fresh information. We request the following information only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The full name of the deceased 2) The date of death 3) Last known address 4) Approximate value of estate (if not exempt) 	<p>Summary:</p> <p>We have decided to refuse 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 requested is available from the Treasury Solicitor's Department Bona Vacantia Division website at www.bonavacantia.gov.uk</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 www.gro.gov.uk.</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</p>

					<p>our decision must be based on the likely effect of anyone having access to the requested information. The vast majority of the estates in question contain residential property, which, due to the circumstances of the estate, is likely to be empty, and in many cases will contain assets. Releasing information that identifies, either directly or indirectly, the whereabouts of such properties (and assets) before they have been secured leads to a real and significant risk of theft and fraud. It may also alert unlawful occupiers to the location of empty properties in the borough. This could also interfere with the statutory function to collect bona vacantia (ownerless goods) vested in the Crown and would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed.</p> <p>With regards to section 31 above (qualified exemption), a ‘public interest test’ is required to determine if the exemption is applicable. In applying this test we have considered the following factors:</p> <p>Factors in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in the promotion of transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process; the benefits to potential beneficiaries of unclaimed estates of genealogists tracing them down earlier; the resulting likely effect of fewer empty properties in the borough; and, the commercial benefits to lawyers and genealogists in tracing beneficiaries.</p> <p>Factors against disclosure: disclosure would increase the risk of fraud and theft towards vulnerable estates, and potentially towards individuals; such fraud and theft would diminish the value of estates, estates that potentially have beneficiaries; releasing information which may lead to the identification of empty properties increases the likelihood of unlawful occupation in the borough</p> <p>Whilst there are arguments on each side, we consider that, in the circumstances of the case, the public interest favours withholding this information</p>
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Public	11604	04/01/2012	26/01/2012	Human Resources	<p>Subject: Religious Holidays</p> <p>Would you please let me know which particular days of the year council employees (all people employed directly by the council) are allowed to take off as religious holidays i.e. in addition to normal annual leave for which no justification is required. In particular, are employees permitted to take off the birthday of Ron L. Hubbard, which is observed by Scientologists?</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please find attached the Council's leave policy which incorporates annual leave entitlements and all other leave provisions. There is no additional leave for religious holidays.</p>
Media	11674	10/01/2012	26/01/2012	Post 16 and Out of School Learning	<p>Subject: Educated at home</p> <p>Please could you tell me how many children in your local authority area are educated at home? Please could you provide a break down of this figure in terms of the ethnic background of the pupils? The government has acknowledged that not all those who receive their education at home are known to their local authority.</p> <p>So, a second request: please could you tell me your estimate</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) There are currently 129 children on the Elective Home Education Register.</p> <p>2) Please see below breakdown by ethnicity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White British - 21 • Traveller of Irish Heritage - 1 • Gypsy/Roma - 2 • White Eastern European - 2 • Other White background - 5 • Mixed - White and Black Caribbean - 4 • White and Black African - 9 • White and Asian - 3 • Any other mixed background - 20 • Asian or Asian British - Indian - 3 • Pakistani - 12 • Bangladeshi - 12

					<p>of the total number of children being educated at home in your area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other Asian background - 8 • Black or Black British – Caribbean - 23 • African - 3 • Other Arab background - 1 <p>3) Question 3 asks for comments/ opinions and as such is not considered to be valid requests for recorded information held by the authority under the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p>	
Public	11394	28/11/2011	30/01/2012	Economic Regeneration	<p>Subject: Obsidian</p> <p>1. With regard to Obsidian’s proposals for development in Forest Gate, can you please provide me with a copy of the Report from the public consultation event held by Obsidian on 22nd September 2011.</p> <p>I and other members of the public completed survey forms and I have no doubt that the Report analysing feedback from the public was shared with the council. I believe that I, as a member of the public, should know what the public has said about the proposed development and I ask you to send me a copy of this Report and any other information concerning this event, received by you, from Obsidian.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. We do not hold a report of the full analysis of the outcome of Obsidian’s public consultation meeting held on 22nd September 2011.</p> <p>Feedback from Obsidian’s public consultation event is available on the Obsidian website. For your reference, please see below the relevant link. http://www.forestgateregeneration.com/intro/public-consultation/</p> <p>2. We do not hold a report of the full analysis of the outcome of Obsidian’s public consultation meeting held on 16th November 2011.</p> <p>As with the feedback from Obsidian’s previous public consultations held in July and September, it is anticipated that this information will be updated on the Obsidian website in due course. Please review the same link as given in Question 1.</p> <p>For your information Obsidian submitted their planning application for this development on 6th December 2011. The application will be fully publicised by letter to all residents within and adjoining the roads affected by the development. Site notices will be erected at prominent locations, and the development will also be advertised in local newspapers.</p>

				<p>2. A similar public consultation event was held on 16th November, at which I and other members of the public completed similar survey forms. Could you please send me a copy of the Report analysing the public feedback from this event, which would also have been shared with the council; and any other information concerning this event, received by the council from Obsidian.</p> <p>3. Thirdly, whilst I realise that you will not send me the minutes of any meetings between the council and Obsidian, I ask you to send me a simple list of dates and venues of meetings between Obsidian and yourself as Mayor of Newham.</p> <p>4. Lastly, I ask you to send me a simple list of dates and venues of any meetings between representatives of Obsidian and any Members of the Council, showing which councillors were in attendance at each of those meetings.</p>	<p>It has been requested that the application is considered by the Strategic Development Committee on 20 February 2012. The Strategic Development Committee will be the appropriate forum for the discussion of any planning concerns raised in due course.</p> <p>3. Our records show the Mayor was invited to two meetings with Obsidian. The dates of these meetings were 30th September 2009 and 7th October 2009. Both of these meetings were scheduled to be held at Newham Dockside but we have been unable to locate any notes, minutes or records to indicate whether or not the Mayor actually attended.</p> <p>4. Please see below the list of meetings which included representatives from Obsidian and Members of the Council. It should be noted that Local Service Reviews are quarterly meetings organised by the Council's Community Leaders and Engagement Team and include council officers, local Councillors and external community groups and partners. Therefore although Members of the Council and representatives from Obsidian were in attendance, these meetings are multi issue, group work based events and therefore they were not held solely in relation to the regeneration of Forest Gate.</p> <p>Local Service Reviews</p> <p>13.04.2011 – held at Renewal Programme College, Woodgrange Road, E7 Cllr Kay Scoresby and Cllr Winston Vaughan</p> <p>15.06.2011 – held at Woodgrange Baptist Church, Romford Road, E7 Cllr Kay Scoresby, Cllr Leanora Cameron and Cllr Shama Ahmed</p> <p>14.09.2011 – held at Durning Hall, E7 Cllr Kay Scoresby, Cllr Leanora Cameron, Cllr Winston Vaughan</p>
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						<p>and Cllr Shama Ahmed</p> <p>Obsidian's Public consultation events</p> <p>09.07.2011 - held at Osborne Road, Forest Gate Cllr Kay Scoresby, Cllr Ellie Robinson, Cllr Akbar Choudhary, Cllr Leanora Cameron and Cllr Shama Ahmed.</p> <p>22.09.2011 - held at Durning Hall Cllr Kay Scoresby, Cllr Akbar Choudhary, Cllr Leanora Cameron and Cllr Winston Vaughan</p> <p>16.11.2011 - held at Durning Hall Cllr Kay Scoresby</p>
Public	11625	30/12/2011	30/01/2012	Recycling, Cleansing and Waste collection Policy	<p>Subject : Recycling Information/Disclosure</p> <p>1. I would be grateful if you could supply me with a copy of your recycling leaflet so that I can include the information in my application.</p> <p>2. I can also include a link of your website, but as I am required by law to ask for your permission to do so, if you like to do that, please inform me of such permission.</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please find attached recycling leaflets. We would encourage you to contact our Waste Reduction and Disposal Manager with any queries on the information going into this app, to ensure Newham's Recycling Services are represented accurately. Please contact Jon Hastings on 02033731698 Jon.Hastings@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>2. We grant permission to use the leaflet and other information available on the website subject to the terms of the license: http://www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncil/informationmanagement/re-useofpublicsectorinformation.htm</p>
Public	11592	30/12/2011	30/01/2012	CYPS - Safeguarding Assessment	<p>Subject : Child Care Legal Team</p> <p>1. Can you please provide</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council do not employ any locum child care solicitors.</p>

					<p>details on how much Newham Council spends on Locum child care solicitors?</p> <p>2. Please provide the number of Locum child care solicitors employed by Newham Council?</p>	
Business	11596	03/01/2012	30/01/2012	Business Rates	<p>Subject: Business Rates Credit Data</p> <p>Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:-</p> <p>1. All properties with your Billing Authority area with a credit held on the account whereby;</p> <p>- The credit totals over £2,000.</p> <p>- The credit is dated before 2011.</p> <p>The fields required are all non-personal;</p> <p>Primary Liable Party Name (Business Name)</p> <p>Full Property Address</p> <p>Postcode</p> <p>Billing Authority Reference Number (Assessment Number)</p> <p>Current Rateable Value</p> <p>Credit Amount</p> <p>Date Credit Applies To</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and 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:</p> <p>“41. (1) Information is exempt information if –</p> <p>(a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and</p> <p>(b) The disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.</p> <p>(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1) (a) would (apart from this Act) constitute an actionable breach of confidence.”</p> <p>Section 31 - Law enforcement</p> <p>This information is also exempt under section 31 of the Freedom of</p>

						<p>Information Act 2000 - Law Enforcement. This exemption applies 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	11605	04/01/2012	30/01/2012	ALMO	<p>Subject: Communal Repairs</p> <p>I would like to know how much each of the following communal repairs has cost. Each repair is communal door related. Please reply with the work carried out and total cost for each job.</p> <p>Job numbers for door entry 59347401 16/3/2011 59433301 26/4/2011, 89433301 26/4/11, 590623901 22/11/10, 590748701 24/11/10, 599170601 04/01/12</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please see below the information recorded in respect of these job references as requested.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5934747/1 – 16.03.11 – Main Entry Door not locking. Cost : No Charge 2-3. 5943333/1 – 26.04.11 - Main Entry door not working. Cost : £69.97 Please note: the two references given at 2. and 3. relate to the same job on this date. 4. 5906239/1 – 18.11.10 - Main Door Entry not locking. Cost : £40.00 5. 5907487/1 – 23.11.10 - Fault to Multi Entry Door closer Cost : £240.00 6. 5991706/1 - 04.01.12 – reported as door handle broken in high winds Completed 06.01.12 – Estimated Cost : £60
Public	11599	03/01/2012	31/01/2012	Housing	Subject: Asbestos	Summary:

				<p>Standards</p> <p>1) The total number of council houses (i.e. your housing stock) within the geographic jurisdiction of your council for which your council is the landlord.</p> <p>2) The total number of council houses within your jurisdiction currently under the management of housing association/housing associations (please list the names of all housing associations and how many of your council houses are currently under their management).</p> <p>3) The total number of council houses currently under the management of housing association/s for which you have no asbestos data (please state when you stopped storing asbestos data about these houses).</p> <p>4) Please state how many council houses, within your jurisdiction (including those managed by housing association/s), your 'asbestos register' contains asbestos data about.</p> <p>5) Please state how many council houses, within your jurisdiction (including those managed by housing</p>	<p>1. Newham Council currently have a housing stock of 16,873 properties within the geographical boundaries of the borough.</p> <p>2. A total of 2,278 of those properties are under the management of housing associations/management organisations. Please see below the breakdown of this total as requested.</p> <p>Canning Town PFI (Pinnacle) 999 properties Forest Gate PFI (Swan Housing) 894 properties Carpenters TMO 183 properties Canning Town Regeneration Triangle TMO 202 properties</p> <p>PFI – Private Finance Initiative TMO – Tenants Management Organisation</p> <p>3. Data in respect of the presence of asbestos in properties currently being managed by PFIs or TMOs is held and updated by those currently managing those properties. This responsibility was transferred when the management of this housing stock was taken over by the relevant organisations.</p> <p>4. For the reasons given in response to Question 3, the Council only holds information in respect of the council properties currently under our control and maintenance. Housing Management Services is responsible for 14,595 properties within the borough and we hold asbestos data for all of these properties on our Asbestos Register.</p> <p>5. For the reasons given above, asbestos information in relation to the council properties presently under the management of housing associations and management organisations is held directly by the respective organisations.</p> <p>6. The asbestos register held by the Council is continually being</p>
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				<p>association/s), your 'asbestos register' contains no asbestos data about.</p> <p>6) Details about any proposals regarding future asbestos audits on your council housing</p> <p>If your 'asbestos register' contains no data on asbestos in your council housing because the responsibility for asbestos management in council housing currently lies with housing association/s, please send me the aggregate number of council houses currently under housing association management for which you have asbestos data.</p> <p>If your 'asbestos register' contains no data on asbestos in your council housing because the responsibility for asbestos management in council housing currently lies with housing association/s, please send me the aggregate number of council houses currently under housing association management for which you have no asbestos data.</p> <p>If you cannot provide me with this data because the housing association/s does not provide you with asbestos data regarding housing stock under their management, please inform me in your response –</p>	<p>updated when further information is received in order to maintain an up to date record of the condition and management of asbestos in council properties.</p>
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					<p>detailing how many council houses this applies to.</p> <p>If the data on asbestos inside housing under your management is not stored under your council's 'asbestos register', please locate where the data is held and provide me with the information requested in point 3) and 4).</p> <p>Please note that the most up-to-date information is being requested above under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide me with the most up-to-date information available within your records.</p>	
Public	11607	03/01/2012	31/01/2012	Street Cleansing	<p>Subject: Deceased pets</p> <p>I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act on London Borough of Newham Council's policies in regards to the collection and disposal of deceased animals from roads and public areas.</p> <p>Specifically animals that may be pets (cats etc).</p> <p>1) Are animals scanned for a microchip? 2) Is there a policy for contacting owners if there is an</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1) Are animals scanned for a microchip? Answer: Dogs are scanned for microchips.</p> <p>2) Is there a policy for contacting owners if there is an ID tag present on the collar with owner contact details? Answer: Yes.</p> <p>3) Is there a policy for recording details of the collection (description of animal, location, presence of collar)? Answer: The location of a collection is written on the tag attached to the cremation bag in which the animal is stored. The animal would then be collected by Shanks East London who arrange for the disposal of animal by-products and carcasses on behalf of Newham Council. However there is no policy in place to retain a log of collections. It may be useful to know that it is very rare for a deceased 'pet' to be found on the streets/public areas in Newham.</p> <p>4) How are animals disposed of (landfill, incineration etc)?</p>

					<p>ID tag present on the collar with owner contact details?</p> <p>3) Is there a policy for recording details of the collection (description of animal, location, presence of collar)?</p> <p>4) How are animals disposed of (landfill, incineration etc)?</p> <p>5) Are animal remains stored for any period of time to enable owner collection?</p>	<p>Answer: Animals are cremated.</p> <p>5) Are animal remains stored for any period of time to enable owner collection?</p> <p>Answer: Remains are store for a period of 7 days in total.</p>																					
Media	11623	03/01/2012	31/01/2012	Buildings and Facilities Management	<p>Subject : Council Office Buildings</p> <p>For each building in the authority which is used primarily as office space for council employees, please supply the following:</p> <p>1) Building identification.</p> <p>(Please note - only enquiring about buildings which are primarily used as office space for employees. This excludes buildings used for education, leisure, library services and so on)</p> <p>2) Postcode.</p> <p>3) Net Internal Area (NIA) of the building – sq m.</p> <p>4) Staff</p> <p>a) Approximate total number</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Newham Council has two buildings which are primarily used as office space for Council employees. Please see below a table giving the requested recorded information which is available for each of these properties.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Name</td> <td>Newham Dockside</td> <td>Bridge House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postcode</td> <td>E16 2QU</td> <td>E15 1AJ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NIA</td> <td>197,335 sq ft</td> <td>20,882 sq ft</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Numbers</td> <td>Approx. 2,100</td> <td>Approx. 230</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tenure</td> <td>Leasehold</td> <td>Leasehold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lease rent</td> <td>Peppercorn - no breaks</td> <td>£294,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Running cost</td> <td>£1,518,500</td> <td>Not available</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please note</p> <p>Numbers of staff – both of the staff numbers given above are indications of the numbers of staff usually based at these locations. However the total number of staff using the buildings at any one time can fluctuate greatly, dependent upon our alternative ways of working in working from home, flexible working and roaming workers.</p> <p>Running costs – we unfortunately do not hold recorded information</p>	Name	Newham Dockside	Bridge House	Postcode	E16 2QU	E15 1AJ	NIA	197,335 sq ft	20,882 sq ft	Staff Numbers	Approx. 2,100	Approx. 230	Tenure	Leasehold	Leasehold	Lease rent	Peppercorn - no breaks	£294,400	Running cost	£1,518,500	Not available
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				<p>(FTE) of office based staff for the building.</p> <p>b) Optional: If you also have available the total headcount of office based staff for the building, please indicate this.</p> <p>5) Tenure. Please indicate if the property is EITHER: a) owned by your organisation (freehold or leasehold) b) managed under a PFI agreement c) rented or leased</p> <p>6) For each of the buildings that is rented or leased please supply the following, if available a) The approximate annual rental cost b) Any known lease break dates</p> <p>7) For all buildings you have detailed, please supply the operational costs for the latest year available, excluding rent. We expect that this will normally include rates, net service charge, maintenance, cleaning, utilities, security etc. but please supply the headline figure that you usually use, specifying what is included / excluded only if necessary.</p> <p>Where it is not possible to break</p>	<p>in respect of the total annual running costs of Bridge House as this was previously used and under the management of Newham Homes (ALMO).</p> <p>For your reference, further information in respect of the move of a number of council offices to Newham Dockside can be found on the link to the Newham website below</p> <p>http://www.newham.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialManagementAccountancyAndPensions/ThemovetoNewhamDockside.htm</p>
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					this down by individual building, please provide a total figure for your estate.							
Media	11636	04/01/2012	31/01/2012	CYPS - Schools Traded Services	<p>Subject : Racially Motivated Incidents in Schools</p> <p>1. The number of racially motivated incidents in schools in your borough for the past three academic years</p> <p>2. A breakdown of these incidents by the type of incident and race of the victim</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>1. Please see table below which provides the requested information for the school year commencing in 2008. Please note, the report is Newham based and is reflective of schools collectively. The below figures may also include incidents which occurred outside of school times.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Pupil</th> <th>Staff</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2008/09</td> <td>209</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>With regards to information for academic years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011, the manner in which racist incidents in schools are monitored by the Local Authority has changed. The requested information was not collated or reported upon in 2009/2010 and from 6th April 2011, schools no longer have a statutory obligation to notify the Local Authority of racist incidents.</p> <p>The responsibility to gather, monitor and respond to incidents now sits directly with those individual schools. Consequently, the Local Authority is no longer able to comment on the occurrence of racist incidents within individual schools and any requests for related information would have to be made directly to Newham schools.</p> <p>For your reference, please find below the attached link to our Schools Directory for Newham http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolsDirectory/default.htm</p> <p>2. This information is not recorded.</p>	Year	Pupil	Staff	2008/09	209	1
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Public	11603	04/01/2012	31/01/2012	CYPS -	Subject: Asylum seeking	Summary:						

				Corporate Parenting	<p>children</p> <p>I am writing to make a request for all information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act. I have outlined my query below. If the query is too broad or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me for clarification. The information I am requesting is:</p> <p>A. How many unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors entered your council's care during 2011, broken down by gender and by country of origin?</p> <p>B. How many unaccompanied asylum seeking minors went missing from care for for more than 24 hours during 2011, broken down by gender and country of origin? How many of these minors remain unaccounted for?</p>	<p>1. Our records show that during 2011 there has been one unaccompanied asylum seeking minor admitted into our care.</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 to provide the further details of your request.</p> <p>We believe that as the total number of individuals given in the response to this question is so low, we would not disclose the further information you have requested. We would apply Section 40, as disclosure of any further information 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>2. Our records show that there were no instances of unaccompanied asylum seeking minors going missing from our care in 2011.</p>
Public	11634	05/01/2012	31/01/2012	Parking Fines	<p>Subject : Parking Fines</p> <p>1. How much money Newham has raised from parking tickets in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.</p> <p>2. How many parking tickets</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</p>

				<p>were issued by Newham in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011?</p> <p>3. How many parking wardens were employed by Newham in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011?</p> <p>4. How many tickets were appealed to Newham in the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?</p> <p>5. How many of these appeals were successful.</p>	<p>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>http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm</p> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>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</p>
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						<p>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).</p> <p>2010/2011 - a total of 108 civil enforcement officers have been employed by the Council's contractor, Mouchel Ltd.</p> <p>4. 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>http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/transport/parkinginlondon/parkinginformation.htm</p>
Public	11627	05/01/2012	31/01/2012	Newham Unit for 2012 Games	<p>Subject : Additional Staff - 2012 Games</p> <p>Please release the number of additional employees employed in your press office/media department since 1 January 2011 who were hired specifically to work, either in totality or as one part of their duties, on the London Olympics.</p> <p>This may also include positions that are currently, or due to be, advertised ahead of the Games</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>There have been no additional employees employed in our press office or communications department since 1st January 2011, hired specifically to work, in total or in part, on the Olympic Games.</p>

					<p>in July.</p> <p>For each employee, please state their job title, the month they were hired and official salary band (e.g. press officer, salary between £25-34k).</p>	
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