



17 July 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 795/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

1. What was the council's total DHP allocation (spent and unspent) for the 2016-2017 financial year?

Answer: £25,576

2. What percentage of the council's total DHP funding for 2016-2017 was paid out in awards?

Answer: 64%

3. Did your council exceed its government Discretionary Housing Payment allocation in the 2016-2017 financial year?

Answer: No

4. If Yes, did your council top up its government allocation? What was the top up amount?

Answer: Not Applicable

5. Did your council have any unspent DHP budget at the end of the 2016-2017 year? If Yes, how much?

Answer: £9,203

6. How many applications for Discretionary Housing Payments were made to your council by eligible applicants in the 2016-2017 financial year?

Answer: 102

7. How many of those applications were rejected / unsuccessful?

Answer: 21

8. What were the three main reasons that eligible DHP applicants had their DHP applications turned down in the 2016-2017 financial year?

Answer: The applicant has excess income and can afford their rent liability.

The applicant has access to alternative funds and can afford their rent liability

The applicant has received DHP previously and has not taken steps to alleviate or improve their situation

9. Does your council restrict the number of DHP awards an applicant can receive?

Answer: No

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