Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request & Response:

Please may I request the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

Adoption - For each of the past 3 years:

1. How many couples/individuals applied to adopt?
   Answer: *

2. How many LGBT couples/individuals applied to adopt?
   Answer: 0

3. How many couples/individuals were approved for adoption?
   Answer: *

4. How many LGBT couples/individuals were approved for adoption?
   Answer: 0

5. How many couples/individuals went on to adopt a child?
   Answer: *

6. How many LGBT couples/individuals went on to adopt a child?
   Answer: 0

7. What was the average wait time for approved applicants to have a child placed with them?
   Answer: 1 year
8. What was the average wait time for approved LGBT applicants to have a child placed with them?

Answer: 0

9. What was the average age of approved applicants who had a child placed with them?

Answer: 45

10. What was the average age of approved LGBT applicants who had a child placed with them?

Answer: 0

Fostering - For each of the past 3 years:

11. How many couples/individuals applied to foster?

Answer: 5

12. How many LGBT couples/individuals applied to foster?

Answer: 0

13. How many couples/individuals were approved to foster?

Answer: *

14. How many LGBT couples/individuals were approved to foster?

Answer: 0

15. How many couples/individuals went on to foster a child?

Answer: 0

16. How many LGBT couples/individuals went on to foster a child?

Answer: 0

17. What was the average wait time for approved applicants to have a child placed with them?

Answer: 2 months

18. What was the average wait time for approved LGBT applicants to have a child placed with them?

Answer: 0

19. What was the average age of approved applicants who had a child placed with them?

Answer: 45 years
20. What was the average age of approved LGBT applicants who had a child placed with them?

Answer: 0

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this email message acts as a Refusal Notice.

We can confirm that we hold the information however we are unable to supply it as we consider this information to be exempt due to the low number of individuals identified.

The Council is relying on Section 40(2) – personal information in that it believes the exemption applies because the information is personal information and we believe that disclosure would not be fair or lawful because it would breach the first data protection principle as outlined in Part 4, Chapter 2 of the Data Protection Act 2018. We consider that these individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

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Yours faithfully

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